

Cheshire TOWN of

MASSACHUSETTS



ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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Town of
CHESHIRE

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Annual Report
2020

Town Elected Officials

	Term Expires		Term Expires
Selectmen		Constables	
Robert Ciskowski	2021	Alison Warner	2022
Mark Biagini	2022	Robert Copeland	2022
Jason Levesque	2023	C. J. Garner	2022
Special Election - August 13, 2019		Planning Board	
Michelle Francesconi	2022	Ronald DeAngelis	2020
Ronald DeAngelis	2021	Donna Defino	2021
Moderator		Francis Griswold	2022
Donna DeFino	2022	Nicholas Graham	2023
		Peter Traub	2024
Board of Assessors		Hoosac Valley Regional School District	
Everett L. Martin	2021	<i>(Formerly Adams-Cheshire Regional School District)</i>	
Nancy Delorey	2022	School Committee Members	
Barbara Astorino	2020	from Cheshire	
Board of Health		Adam Emerson	2020
Richard Salvi	2021	Bethany DeMarco	2021
Jeffrey Warner	2020	Peter Tatro	<i>(Resigned)</i> 2022
C. J. Garner	2022	Michael Henault	<i>(Appointed)</i> 2022
Water Commissioners		Hoosac Valley Regional School District	
Donald Rueger	2020	<i>(Formerly Adams-Cheshire Regional School District)</i>	
Rick Gurney	2021	School Committee Members	
Ronald DeAngelis	2022	from Adams	
Cemetery Commissioners		Regina Hill	2020
Anne Furey	2021	Michael Mucci Jr.	2021
Richard Francesconi	2022	Jennifer Gagneant	2021
Stephen LaFogg	2020	Martin Bush	2022
Tax Collector		Northern Berkshire Vocational	
Rebecca Herzog	2021	School Committee Member	
		from Cheshire	
Town Clerk		William Craig	2022
Christine B. Emerson	2021		

Town Appointments

APPOINTMENT	NAME	TERM	APPOINTMENT	NAME	TERM
Town Administrator BRTA Representative Procurement Officer	Edmund St. John IV	Yearly	Animal Control Officer Animal Inspector	Myron Proper	Yearly
Selectmen's Secretary Adm. Asst. Town Administrator Planning Board, Zoning Board Conservation Commission Secretary	Carole Holderbrand	Yearly	Keeper of the Pound	Everett Martin	Yearly
Superintendent of Streets Tree Warden Measurer of Wood and Bark Inspector of Ditches	Robert Navin	Yearly	Director of Veterans Services Veteran Burial Agent	Stephen Roy	Yearly
Treasurer	Rebecca Herzog	Yearly	Right to Know Co-ordinator	Richard Francesconi	Yearly
Accountant	Lynne Lemanski	Yearly	Farm Commission	<i>Three Year Appointments</i>	
Town Counsel	Edmund St. John III	Yearly		Eric Whitney	2022
Building Commissioner ADA Coordinator Zoning Enforcement Officer	Gerald Garner	Yearly		Joseph Wrenn	2022
Local Building Inspector	Mark Kruzel	Yearly		Michael Balawender	2020
Inspector of Wiring	George Sweet	Yearly		Kim Martin	2021
Asst. Wiring Inspector	Leslie Rhinemiller	Yearly		Jason Turner	2020
Inspector of Gas/Plumbing	Bruce LaPerle	Yearly	Fence Viewers	Mark Warner	Yearly
Asst. Gas/Plumbing	John Burzimati	Yearly		Jason Turner	
Emergency Management Co-ordinator	Corey Swistak	Yearly		Fred Balawender	
Asst. Emergency Management	Fred Balawander	Yearly	Greylock Advisory Council	Gary Trudeau	Yearly
			Representatives to Northern Berkshire Arts Council	<i>Three Year Appointments</i>	
				Barbara Proper	2021
				Shannon Badorini	2020
			Recreation Committee	Robin Poirot	Yearly
				Heather Emerson	
				Andrew Kachel	
			Delegate to Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management Program	C. J. Garner	Yearly
			Northern Berkshire Cable Representative		Yearly
			Rent Control Board Memorial Day Parade	Board of Selectmen	Yearly
			Conservation Commission	Robert Ciskowski	Yearly
				Raymond Killeen	
				Carol Francesconi	

APPOINTMENT	NAME	TERM
Council on Aging	<i>Three Year Appointments</i>	
	Peter Traub	2021
	Margaret Gwozdz	2022
	John Bianchi	2021
	Gene Gebarowski	2021
	Lynda Bianchi	2022
	Barbara Proper	2022
	Carol Francesconi	2023
	Robert Balawender	Alternate
Emergency Management Committee		<i>Yearly</i>
	Robert Ciskowski	
	Mark Bigaini	
	Jason Levesque	
	C. J. Garner	
	Travis Delratez	
	Robert Navin	
	Timothy Garner	
	Thomas Francesconi	
	Corey Swistak	
	Edmund St. John IV	
Historical Commission	<i>Three Year Appointments</i>	
	Diane Hitter	2022
	Robert Hitter	2022
	George Reynolds	2021
	Everett Martin	2020
	Lois Nangle	2022
	Elaine Daniels	2021
	Vern Emerson	2022
	Jarod Martin	Alternate
Board of Registrar of Voters	<i>Three Year Appointments</i>	
	Diane Hitter	2021
	Gary Herzog	2022
	Elizabeth King	2020
Election Official		<i>Yearly</i>
	Alison Warner	
Assistant Election Official		<i>Yearly</i>
	Ronald Lancia	

APPOINTMENT	NAME	TERM
Fire Chief	Thomas Francesconi	<i>Yearly</i>
Police Chief	Timothy Garner	<i>Yearly</i>
Sergeant	Michael Alibozek	<i>Yearly</i>
Officers	David Tarjick Trish Carlo Robert Hungate Amalio Jusino Cody Alvarez	<i>Yearly</i>
Special Police Officers	Peter Mazzaco Paul Maloney Alison Warner	<i>Yearly</i>
Harbor Master	Blair Crane	<i>Lifetime</i>
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thomas Zappula Dale Grimshaw Stephen Marko	<i>Yearly</i>
Alternate Zoning Member	Robert Balawender Sean Conley	<i>Yearly</i>
Alternate Planning Board Member	Joshua Marauszwski	<i>Yearly</i>

Appointments by the Moderator

APPOINTMENT	NAME	TERM
Finance Committee Seven Member Board	John Tremblay	2021
	Kathleen Levesque	2021
	Denise Gregoire	2022
	Heather Emerson	2022
	Lenwood Vaspra	2022

Town Clerk

VITAL RECORDS RECORDED

Births	23
Deaths.....	31
Marriages.....	12

REGISTERED VOTERS.....2,432

Democrats	563
Republicans	269
Green-Rainbos	1
Libertarian	11
Independent Party	12
Other	5
Unenrolled	1,571

GASOLINE STORAGE PERMITS

Bedard Bros.	\$ 25
H.D. Reynolds	25
Hoosac Valley Middle & High School	25
MGE Realty	25
O'Connell Convenience	25
Republic Services	25
Whitney's Farm Market	25
	<u>\$ 175</u>

BUSINESS CERTIFICATES

New	11	
Renewals	<u>2</u>	
\$20 for 4 year period		\$ 260

SALE OF DOG LICENSES

Males	27
Neutered Males	102
Females	14
Spayed Females	160
4 Dog Multi Unit	3
10 Dog Multi Unit	<u>1</u>

**Amount turned over to Treasurer
(including Late Fees) \$3,590**

A very challenging year with COVID-19. Thank you to the Pollworkers who volunteered to work under the COVID restrictions. A very dedicated group of individuals. My sincere gratitude to them.

Continued thanks to the Town Officials and Boards.

To the residents of Cheshire, my thanks for working through the limitations here at the Town Hall. Everyone rose to the occasion.

I, hereby, submit my twenty-seventh Annual Town Report.

Christine B. Emerson

Board of Selectmen

To the Residents of the Town of Cheshire:

Fiscal year 2020 brought about one of the most significant changes to the structure of our Town Government, the addition of two new seats on the Board of Selectmen. In August of 2019, the Town voted in two members to fill those seats, bringing the Board to its full capacity of five members. The increase in seats provided the Board with an opportunity to create a new focus and working dynamic.

Just seven months after the two new members joined the Board, COVID changed the world. It was readily apparent from the outset that the citizens of Cheshire have a great deal to be proud of. Together, we navigated through the initial months of difficulty, and the valuable aspects of our Town shined through. We are truly fortunate to have nature's bounty at our door. The Ashuwillticook Rail Trail, Hoosac Lake, the Appalachian Trail, and the Cobbles are all examples of the places we found respite in our small Town. We also benefitted from citizens who rallied together to support one another, from first responders that never ceased to be there for our people, and from a collective mindset that we would make it through. Even as the months of closure have continued, we can truly appreciate all that our community has to offer.

As the Board of Selectmen, we have continued to work on maintaining the areas of Cheshire that we value most and build on those areas to ensure a positive future. We have been striving to streamline our internal operations, create prudent spending plans, seek alternative revenue sources, and improve our infrastructure. We have been taking a hard look on what has been working and what we need to improve upon. Overall, the Selectmen are looking to improve upon the life in Town by capitalizing on our assets and maintaining the safety of our citizens all the while accomplishing those goals with fiscal responsibility.

The Board sincerely extends its gratitude to the residents of Cheshire, to the appointed and elected officials, to the volunteers, and to the business owners. Together anything can be accomplished, and we are proud to be working alongside all of you to achieve our goals.

Sincerely,

Michelle Francesconi (Chairman)
Mark Biagini
Robert Ciskowski
Ronald DeAngelis
Jason Levesque

Town Accountant

To the Board of Selectmen and the Residents of the Town of Cheshire:

I hereby submit to you the Town Accountant's report for Fiscal Year 2020. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue certified the Town of Cheshire's free cash balance as of July 1, 2020 in the amount of \$533,756. This is a decrease of 33% from the prior year July 1, 2019, balance of \$790,952.

I am submitting the Schedule A Revenues and Expenditures which summarize the FY 2020 receipts and expenditures along with the Combined Balance sheet as of June 30, 2020.

In closing, I would like to thank the Town Officials who have supported me throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Lynne M. Lemanski
Town Accountant

Town of Cheshire Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups as of June 30, 2020 (Unaudited)

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types Trust and Agency	Account Groups Long-term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services			
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	1,367,946.69	-4,666.07	7,627.00	438,243.19		782,929.60		2,592,080.41
Investments								0.00
Receivables:								
Personal property taxes	5,054.04							5,054.04
Real estate taxes	254,062.57							254,062.57
Deferred taxes								0.00
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	-70,516.58							-70,516.58
Special assessments								0.00
Tax liens	119,647.54							119,647.54
Tax foreclosures	15,357.29							15,357.29
Motor vehicle excise	68,252.33							68,252.33
Other excises								0.00
User fees				139,272.61				139,272.61
Utility liens added to taxes								0.00
Departmental								0.00
Other receivables								0.00
Due from other governments								0.00
Due to/from other funds								0.00
Working deposit								0.00
Prepays								0.00
Inventory								0.00
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation								0.00
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds				403,000.00			412,088.49	815,088.49
Amounts to be provided - vacation/sick leave								0.00
Total Assets	1,759,803.88	-4,666.07	7,627.00	980,515.80	0.00	782,929.60	412,088.49	3,938,298.70
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable								0.00
Warrants payable								0.00
Accrued payroll and withholdings	7,176.53			536.60				7,713.13
Accrued claims payable								0.00
IBNR								0.00
Other liabilities	9,275.22							9,275.22
Agency Funds								0.00

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types Trust and Agency	Account Groups Long-term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Internal Services			
	Deferred revenue:							
Real and personal property taxes	188,600.13						188,600.13	
Deferred taxes								0.00
Prepaid taxes/fees								0.00
Special assessments								0.00
Tax liens	119,647.54							119,647.54
Tax foreclosures	15,357.29							15,357.29
Motor vehicle excise	68,252.33							68,252.33
Other excises								0.00
User fees				139,272.61				139,272.61
Utility liens added to taxes								0.00
Departmental								0.00
Deposits receivable	2,646.53							2,646.53
Other receivables								0.00
Due from other governments								0.00
Due to other governments								0.00
Due to/from other funds								0.00
Bonds payable				403,000.00				403,000.00
Notes payable			584,500.00				412,088.49	996,588.49
Vacation and sick leave liability								0.00
Total Liabilities	410,955.57	0.00	584,500.00	542,809.21	0.00	0.00	412,088.49	1,950,353.27
Fund Equity:								
Reserved for encumbrances	153,071.24							153,071.24
Reserved for expenditures	589,925.00	-4,666.07	-576,873.00	259,751.00		782,929.60		1,051,066.53
Reserved for continuing appropriations								0.00
Reserved for petty cash								0.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit								0.00
Reserved for snow and ice deficit								0.00
Reserved for COVID-19 deficit								0.00
Reserved for debt service			0.00					0.00
Reserved for premiums								0.00
Reserved for working deposit								0.00
Undesignated fund balance	605,852.07							605,852.07
Unreserved retained earnings				177,955.59				177,955.59
Investment in capital assets								0.00
Total Fund Equity	1,348,848.31	-4,666.07	-576,873.00	437,706.59	0.00	782,929.60	0.00	1,987,945.43
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	1,759,803.88	-4,666.07	7,627.00	980,515.80	0.00	782,929.60	412,088.49	3,938,298.70

**Schedule A Part 1 - Fiscal Year 2020
 General Fund Revenues and Other Financing Sources (Fund 01)**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (Omit Cents)
	A. Taxes	
4110	Personal Property Taxes	97,137
4120	Real Estate Taxes	4,068,584
4150	Motor Vehicle Excise	534,943
4179	Penalties and Interest	22,862
4180	In Lieu of Taxes	
4191	Hotel/Motel Excise	
4192	Meals Excise	
4193	Cannabis Excise	
4194	Boat Excise	
4198	Urban Redevelopment Excises	
4199	Other Taxes	8,508
	A. TOTAL TAXES (NET OF REFUNDS)	4,732,034
	B. Charges for Services/Other Departmental Revenues	
4211	Water Charges	
4212	Other Utility Charges	
4229	Other Charges	
4243	Parking Charges	
4244	Park and Recreation Charges	
4246	Sewerage Charges	
4247	Trash Collection Charges	78,805
4248	Transit Charges	
4370	Other Department Revenue	70,242
	B. TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES/ OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUES	149,047
	C. Licenses, Permits and Fees	
4322	Fees Retained from Tax Collection	4,700
4323	Cannabis Impact Fee	
4324	Short-term Rental Community Impact Fee	
4400	Licenses and Permits	45,255
	C. TOTAL LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES	49,955
	D. Federal Revenue	
4540	Unrestricted - Direct	
4580	Unrestricted - Through the State	
	D. TOTAL FEDERAL REVENUE	

Schedule A Part 1 - Fiscal Year 2020 (continued)
General Fund Revenues and Other Financing Sources (Fund 01)

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (Omit Cents)
	E. Revenues From State	
4600	State Revenue	818,718
	E. TOTAL REVENUES FROM STATE	818,718
	F. Revenues From Other Governments	
4695	Court Fines	650
4720	Received From the County for Services Performed	
4730	Received From Other Municipalities for Services Performed	
	F. TOTAL REVENUES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	650
	G. Special Assessments	
4750	Special Assessments	14,484
	G. TOTAL SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	14,484
	H. Fines, and Forfeitures	
4770	Fines and Forfeitures	
	H. TOTAL FINES AND FORFEITURES	
	I. Miscellaneous Revenues	
4800	Miscellaneous Revenues	
4820	Earnings on Investments	8,604
	I. TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	8,604
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES	5,773,492
	J. Other Financing Sources	
4990	Other Financing Sources	
	J. TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES	5,773,492
	K. Interfund Operating Transfers	
4972	Transfers from Special Revenue Funds	
4973	Transfers from Capital Projects Funds	
4975	Transfers from Enterprise Funds	
4976	Transfers from Trust Funds	103,572
4977	Transfers from Agency Funds	
	K. TOTAL INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS	103,572
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES, OTHER FINANCING SOURCES, AND INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS	5,877,064

Schedule A Part 2 Fiscal Year 2020

SCHEDULE A PART 2 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT (100)												
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	Executive	Accountant Auditor	Collector	Treasurer	Law Dept. Town/City Counsel	Public Building Properties Maintenance	Assessors	Operations Support	License & Registration	Conservation Commission	Other
5100	Salary and Wages	66,612	24,855	24,310	24,969		33,280	28,617		39,466		28,816
5700	Expenditures	12,394	2,942	6,470	8,394	3,527	161,607	46,413	16,208	10,729	1,288	
5800A	Construction											
5800B	Capital Outlay											
TOTAL		79,006	27,797	30,780	33,363	3,527	194,887	75,030	16,208	50,195	1,288	28,816

SCHEDULE A PART 2 - PUBLIC SAFETY (200)										
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	Police	Fire	Emergency Medical Services	Inspection	Other				
5100	Salary and Wages	103,043	3,641		33,872					
5700	Expenditures	23,200	41,421	2,456	7,029	21,757				
5800A	Construction									
5800B	Capital Outlay									
TOTAL		126,243	45,062	2,456	40,901	21,757				

SCHEDULE A PART 2 - EDUCATION (300)						
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	Education	Regional School Assessment 1	Regional School Assessment 2	Regional School Assessment 3	Regional School Assessment 4
5100	Salary and Wages					
5700	Expenditures	3,203,351				
5800A	Construction					
5800B	Capital Outlay					
TOTAL		3,203,351				

SCHEDULE A PART 2 - PUBLIC WORKS (400)									
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	Highway/Streets Snow & Ice	Highway/Streets Other	Waste Collection & Disposal	Sewer Collection & Disposal	Water Distribution	Street Lighting	Other	
5100	Salary and Wages		275,243	902					
5700	Expenditures	118,620	284,278	124,926		47,000		27,234	
5800A	Construction								
5800B	Capital Outlay								
TOTAL		118,620	559,521	125,828		47,000		27,234	

SCHEDULE A PART 2 - HUMAN SERVICES (500)									
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	Health Services	Clinical Services	Special Program	Veterans Services	Other			
5100	Salary and Wages	10,404		30,823	1,500				
5700	Expenditures	6,636		12,936	20,632				
5800A	Construction								
5800B	Capital Outlay								
TOTAL		17,040		43,759	22,132				

SCHEDULE A PART 2 - CULTURE AND RECREATION (600)									
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	Library	Recreation	Parks	Historical Commission	Celebrations	Other		
5100	Salary and Wages	8,682							
5700	Expenditures	12,014	6,181		719				
5800A	Construction								
5800B	Capital Outlay								
TOTAL		20,696	6,181		719				

SCHEDULE A PART 2 - DEBT SERVICE (700)					
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	Retirement of Debt Principal	Interest on Long Term Debt	Interest on Short Term Debt	Other Interest
5900	Debt Service	221,062	24,067	13,891	1,100
TOTAL		221,062	24,067	13,891	1,100

SCHEDULE A PART 2 - UNCLASSIFIED (900)										
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	Workers Compensation	Unemployment	Health Insurance	Other Employee Benefits	Court Judgements	Other Insurance	Intergovernmental Assessments	Retirement	Other
0001	Unclassified			148,192			90,891	31,260	116,147	29,000
	TOTAL			148,192			90,891	31,260	116,147	29,000

SCHEDULE A PART 2 - TRANSFERS/OTHER FINANCING USES (0001)		Amount
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	
5960	Transfers to Other Funds	57,870
5990	Other Financing Uses	
	TOTAL	57,870

SCHEDULE A PART 2 - TOTAL ALL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES		Total
Account Number	Object of Expenditure	
	Expenditures	
5100	Salary and Wages	739,035
5700	Expenditures	4,230,362
5800A	Construction	
5800B	Capital Outlay	
5900	Debt Service	260,120
0001	Unclassified	415,490
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	5,645,007
	Other Financing Uses	
5960	Transfers to Other Funds	57,870
5990	Other Financing Uses	
	TOTAL TRANSFERS AND OTHER FINANCING USES	57,870
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	5,702,877

Schedule A Part 3 - Fiscal Year 2020
Total All Special Revenue Funds and Expenditures

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Revenues		
4100	Taxes and Excises	
4200	Charges for Services	
4500	Federal Revenue	
4600	State Revenue	451,685
4800	Miscellaneous Revenues	
4820	Earnings on Investments	
	TOTAL REVENUES	451,685
Other Financing Sources		
4910	Bond Proceeds	
4970	Transfers From Other Funds	
4990	Other Financing Sources	
	TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	
	TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	451,685
Expenditures		
5100	Salary and Wages	
5700	Expenditures	483,030
5800A	Construction	
5800B	Capital Outlay	
5900	Debt Service	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	483,030
Other Financing Uses		
5960	Transfers to Other Funds	
5990	Other Financing Uses	
	TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	483,030
	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-31,345
0002	Fund Balance Beginning of Year	26,680
0003	Adjustments	
0004	Fund Balance End of Year	-4,665

Schedule A Part 5 - Fiscal Year 2020 - Enterprise Funds

Account Number	Item Description	Water	Sewer	Electric	Landfills	Hospital	Health Care	Airport	Harbor	Golf Courses	Public Recreation	Other	Total
Revenues													
4100	Taxes and Excises												
4200	Charges for Services	276,082											276,082
4500	Federal Revenue												
4600	State Revenue												
4800	Miscellaneous Revenues												
4820	Earnings on Investments	819											819
TOTAL REVENUES		276,901											276,901
Other Financing Sources													
4910	Bond Proceeds												
4970	Transfers From Other Funds	15,870											15,870
4990	Other Financing Sources												
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		15,870											15,870
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		292,771											292,771
Expenditures													
5100	Salary and Wages	86,562											86,562
5700	Expenditures	116,377											116,377
5800A	Construction												
5800B	Capital Outlay												
5900	Debt Service	22,360											22,360
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		225,299											225,299
Other Financing Uses													
5960	Transfers to Other Funds												
5990	Other Financing Uses												
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES													
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES		225,299											225,299
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)		67,472											67,472
0002	Fund Balance Beginning of Year	370,235											370,235
0003	Adjustments												
0004	Fund Balance End of Year	437,707											437,707

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ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
CODE: 001 - MODERATOR				
01-5-001-001	Moderator Salary	50.00	0.00	50.00
01-5-001-002	Moderator Expenses	25.00	0.00	25.00
	Sub-total	75.00	0.00	75.00
CODE: 002 - SELECTMEN				
01-5-002-001	Selectmen Salary Chair	3,570.00	-3,570.00	0.00
01-5-002-002	Selectmen Clerk	3,570.00	-3,570.00	0.00
01-5-002-003	Selectmen 3rd 4th 5th Member	10,710.00	-10,710.00	0.00
01-5-002-004	Selectmen Secretary	6,033.00	-6,033.00	0.00
01-5-002-005	Selectmen Expenses	6,400.00	-6,400.00	0.00
01-5-002-006	Select Conserv Comm 1st Member	300.00	-300.00	0.00
01-5-002-007	Select Conserv Comm 2nd	300.00	-300.00	0.00
01-5-002-008	Select Conserv Comm 3rd Member	300.00	0.00	300.00
01-5-002-009	Select Conserv Consult S.	500.00	0.00	500.00
01-5-002-010	Select Conserv Expenses	1,500.00	-1,287.70	212.30
01-5-002-011	Selectmen Town Council	7,500.00	-3,526.94	3,973.06
01-5-002-012	Select Clean Lake Program	20,000.00	-18,400.00	1,600.00
01-5-002-013	Selectmen Administrator	40,000.00	-40,000.00	0.00
01-5-002-014	Selectmen Admin Expenses	800.00	-760.72	39.28
01-5-002-015	Selectmen Group Purchasing	600.00	0.00	600.00
01-5-002-016	Town Audit	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
01-5-002-017	Marketing Initiative	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
01-5-002-018	Town Administrator Assistant Salary	4,754.00	-2,129.08	2,624.92
01-5-002-019	Accounting & Technology	6,000.00	-5,024.56	975.44
	Sub-total	130,337.00	-102,012.00	28,325.00
CODE: 003 - ACCOUNTANT				
01-5-003-001	Accountant Salary	24,855.00	-24,855.00	0.00
01-5-003-002	Accountant Expenses/Dues	1,830.24	-1,609.85	220.39
01-5-003-004	Accounting Software	1,650.00	-1,332.33	317.67
	Sub-total	28,335.24	-27,797.18	538.06
CODE: 004 - TREASURER				
01-5-004-001	Treasurer Salary	24,969.00	-24,969.00	0.00
01-5-004-002	Treasurer Expenses Postage	5,200.00	-4,571.83	628.17
01-5-004-003	Treasurer Mileage & Trips	300.00	-300.00	0.00
01-5-004-004	Treasurer Education	250.00	-250.00	0.00
01-5-004-005	Treasurer/Accountant Software	1,650.00	-1,332.33	317.67
01-5-004-006	Treasurer/Tax Title Fees	2,000.00	-1,940.00	60.00
	Sub-total	34,369.00	-33,363.16	1,005.84
CODE: 005 - TAX COLLECTOR				
01-5-005-001	Tax Collector Salary	24,310.00	-24,310.00	0.00
01-5-005-002	Tax Collector Postage	4,000.00	-3,184.99	815.01
01-5-005-003	Tax Collector Office Expense	3,000.00	-2,060.41	939.59
01-5-005-004	Tax Collector Contract Serv.	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00
01-5-005-005	Tax Collector Tax Title/Fees	2,000.00	-225.00	1,775.00
	Sub-total	34,310.00	-30,780.40	3,529.60

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
CODE: 006 - ASSESSORS				
01-5-006-001	Assessors Salary Chairman	3,641.00	-3,641.00	0.00
01-5-006-002	Assessors Clerk	3,121.00	-3,121.00	0.00
01-5-006-003	Assessors Third Member	3,121.00	-3,121.00	0.00
01-5-006-004	Assessors Admin. Assessor	18,734.00	-18,734.00	0.00
01-5-006-005	Assessors Supplies	1,500.00	-1,476.03	23.97
01-5-006-007	Assessors Computer	1,700.00	-600.00	1,100.00
01-5-006-008	Assessors Education	500.00	-260.00	240.00
01-5-006-011	Assessors Contracted Svcs	34,615.56	-26,276.70	8,338.86
01-5-006-012	Article 5: FY2020 Conduct Reclassification	17,800.00	-17,800.00	0.00
	Sub-total	84,732.56	-75,029.73	9,702.83
CODE: 007 - ADVISORY BOARD				
01-5-007-001	Finance committee expenses	50.00	-47.99	2.01
01-5-007-002	Finance Committee Dues	160.00	-160.00	0.00
01-5-007-003	Finance Committee Meetings / Mileage	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
	Sub-total	2,210.00	-207.99	2,002.01
CODE: 008 - TOWN CLERK				
01-5-008-001	Town Clerk Salary	24,311.00	-24,311.00	0.00
01-5-008-002	Town Clerk Expenses	2,436.10	-1,978.47	457.63
01-5-008-003	Town Clerk Dog License Exp.	500.00	-275.76	224.24
01-5-008-004	Town Clerk Education	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
01-5-008-005	Town Clerk Book Repair	8,500.00	-4,000.00	4,500.00
01-5-008-006	Town Clerk Copy Machine	1,000.00	-286.49	713.51
01-5-008-007	Town Clerk Service Contract	1,200.00	-688.85	511.15
01-5-008-008	Town Clerk Census/Lists	3,500.00	-3,049.40	450.60
01-5-008-009	General Code Yearly	4,045.00	-1,425.60	2,619.40
	Sub-total	46,692.10	-36,015.57	10,676.53
CODE: 009 - BOARD OF REGISTRARS				
01-5-009-001	Board of Registrars Registrars	9,200.00	-3,686.30	5,513.70
	Sub-total	9,200.00	-3,686.30	5,513.70
CODE: 010 - ELECTIONS				
01-5-010-000	Elections	18,000.00	-11,469.37	6,530.63
	Sub-total	18,000.00	-11,469.37	6,530.63
CODE: 011 - VITAL STATISTICS				
01-5-011-000	Vital Statistics	100.00	0.00	100.00
	Sub-total	100.00	0.00	100.00
CODE: 012 - TOWN REPORTS				
01-5-012-000	Town Reports Printing	3,000.00	-1,991.25	1,008.75
	Sub-total	3,000.00	-1,991.25	1,008.75
CODE: 013 - PLANNING BOARD				
01-5-013-001	Planning Board Expenses	4,229.21	-4,023.15	206.06
01-5-013-002	Planning Board Berksh. Reg. Plan. Comm.	2,578.00	-2,577.55	0.45
01-5-013-003	Planning Board Contracted Serv	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.00
01-5-013-006	Planning Board (1st Member)	300.00	-300.00	0.00
01-5-013-007	Planning Board (2nd Member)	300.00	-300.00	0.00

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
01-5-013-008	Planning Board (3rd Member)	300.00	0.00	300.00
01-5-013-009	Planning Board (4th Member)	300.00	0.00	300.00
01-5-013-010	Planning Board (5th Member)	300.00	0.00	300.00
	Sub-total	10,307.21	-9,200.70	1,106.51
	CODE: 014 - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS			
01-5-014-000	Zoning Board of Appeals	600.00	-600.00	0.00
01-5-014-001	Zoning Board - Contract Svcs	800.00	-469.08	330.92
	Sub-total	1,400.00	-1,069.08	330.92
	CODE: 015 - BERKSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT			
01-5-015-000	Berkshire Co. Retirement Syst	116,147.00	-116,147.00	0.00
01-5-015-006	OPEB Funding Town Employees	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.00
	Sub-total	118,147.00	-118,147.00	0.00
	CODE: 016 - HEALTH INSURANCE			
01-5-016-000	BC/BS	160,000.00	-148,192.32	11,807.68
	Sub-total	160,000.00	-148,192.32	11,807.68
	CODE: 017 - MEDICARE ER SHARE			
01-5-017-000	MEDC Employer Share (SS Tax)	9,000.00	-9,000.00	0.00
	Sub-total	9,000.00	-9,000.00	0.00
	CODE: 018 - TOWN BUILDINGS			
01-5-018-001	Town Building Town Hall	30,000.00	-21,162.71	8,837.29
01-5-018-002	Town Building Fire Dept	26,500.00	-26,089.39	410.61
01-5-018-003	Town Building Town Shed	18,000.00	-18,000.00	0.00
01-5-018-004	Town Building Senior Center	4,200.00	-4,200.00	0.00
01-5-018-005	Town Building Telephone System	13,000.00	-12,560.48	439.52
01-5-018-006	Town Building Janitor	33,280.00	-33,280.00	0.00
01-5-018-010	Cheshire Elementary School Maintenance	70,000.00	-69,687.60	312.40
01-5-018-011	Town (Internal Charge) for Water Usage	0.00	-15,869.66	-15,869.66
01-5-018-013	Elevator Inspections	1,860.00	-1,860.00	0.00
	Sub-total	196,840.00	-202,709.84	-5,869.84
	CODE: 019 - SPECIAL REPAIRS			
01-5-019-000	Special Repairs Town Building	59,572.00	-8,046.85	51,525.15
01-5-019-004	FY2018 Article 8 - Grant Housing Rehab	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00
01-5-019-005	FY2020 Article 6 - Heating System for Cheshire School	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00
	Sub-total	179,572.00	-8,046.85	171,525.15
	CODE: 020 - INSURANCE			
01-5-020-000	Insurance	90,000.00	-77,528.00	12,472.00
	Sub-total	90,000.00	-77,528.00	12,472.00
	CODE: 022 - POLICE DEPT.			
01-5-022-001	Police Dept. Chief Salary	3,641.00	-3,641.00	0.00
01-5-022-002	Police Dept. Officers Salaries	103,382.00	-99,402.05	3,979.95
01-5-022-003	Police Dept. General Expenses	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.00
01-5-022-004	Police Dept. Auto Expenses	14,754.00	-14,699.60	54.40
01-5-022-005	Police Dept. Equipment	4,500.00	-4,500.00	0.00
	Sub-total	130,277.00	-126,242.65	4,034.35

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
CODE: 023 - ANIMAL CONTROL				
01-5-023-001	Animal Control Officer Salary	3,060.00	-3,060.00	0.00
01-5-023-002	Animal Control Expenses	600.00	-409.89	190.11
01-5-023-003	Animal Control Trans/Disposal	550.00	0.00	550.00
01-5-023-005	Animal Control Train/Meetings	300.00	0.00	300.00
01-5-023-006	Animal Control Cell Phone	480.00	-480.00	0.00
	Sub-total	4,990.00	-3,949.89	1,040.11
CODE: 024 - FIRE DEPT				
01-5-024-001	Fire Dept. Chief Salary	3,641.00	-3,641.00	0.00
01-5-024-002	Fire Dept. Expenses	43,986.00	-41,421.09	2,564.91
01-5-024-004	Fire Dept. EMS Supplies	4,000.00	-2,455.63	1,544.37
01-5-024-008	Fire Dept. Rescue Veh Loan	9,817.00	-9,817.00	0.00
	Sub-total	61,444.00	-57,334.72	4,109.28
CODE: 025 - POLICE/FIRE INSURANCE				
01-5-025-000	Police/Fire Dept. Accident Ins.	8,501.00	-8,501.00	0.00
01-5-025-002	Police/Fire Disability Ins.	6,758.00	-4,862.13	1,895.87
	Sub-total	15,259.00	-13,363.13	1,895.87
CODE: 026 - COMMUNICATIONS CTR				
01-5-026-000	Communication Center	20,769.00	-20,769.00	0.00
	Sub-total	20,769.00	-20,769.00	0.00
CODE: 027 - BUILDING INSPECTOR				
01-5-027-001	Building Inspector Salary	12,797.00	-12,797.00	0.00
01-5-027-002	Building Inspector Exp/Mileage	1,000.00	-195.00	805.00
01-5-027-003	Building Inspect Meetings/Train	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
01-5-027-004	Building Inspector Assistant	4,266.00	-4,266.00	0.00
01-5-027-006	On-Line Permitting System Maintenance	4,500.00	-4,500.00	0.00
	Sub-total	23,563.00	-21,758.00	1,805.00
CODE: 028 - GAS PIPING				
01-5-028-001	Gas Piping Inspector Salary	3,329.00	-3,329.00	0.00
01-5-028-002	Gas Piping Inspector Expenses	400.00	-200.00	200.00
01-5-028-003	Gas Piping Inspect Travel Exp	400.00	-200.00	200.00
01-5-028-004	Gas Piping Inspector Assistant	515.00	-515.00	0.00
	Sub-total	4,644.00	-4,244.00	400.00
CODE: 029 - WIRE INSPECTOR				
01-5-029-001	Wire Inspector Salary	6,242.00	-6,242.00	0.00
01-5-029-002	Wire Inspector Expenses	643.75	-643.75	0.00
01-5-029-004	Wire Inspector Assistant Salary	520.00	-520.00	0.00
	Sub-total	7,405.75	-7,405.75	0.00
CODE: 030 - TREE WARDEN				
01-5-030-003	Tree Warden Tree/Stump Removal	20,000.00	-8,285.00	11,715.00
01-5-030-004	Tree Warden Tree Replacement	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Sub-total	21,000.00	-8,285.00	12,715.00
CODE: 031 - CIVIL DEFENSE				
01-5-031-001	Civil Defense Expenses	500.00	-500.00	0.00
01-5-031-002	Civil Defense Supplies	500.00	-488.16	11.84
	Sub-total	1,000.00	-988.16	11.84

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
CODE: 032 - BOARD OF HEALTH				
01-5-032-001	Board of Health Chairman Salary	3,641.00	-3,330.75	310.25
01-5-032-002	Board of Health 2nd Member	3,641.00	-2,440.50	1,200.50
01-5-032-003	Board of Health 3rd Member	3,641.00	-3,641.00	0.00
01-5-032-004	Board of Health Expenses	4,044.00	-2,280.59	1,763.41
01-5-032-006	Board of Health Equipment	500.00	-149.99	350.01
01-5-032-007	Board of Health Secretary	3,290.00	-991.06	2,298.94
01-5-032-008	BOH Maven Reporting	4,205.00	-4,205.00	0.00
Sub-total		22,962.00	-17,038.89	5,923.11
CODE: 033 - ANIMAL INSPECTOR				
01-5-033-001	Animal Inspector Salary	520.00	-520.00	0.00
01-5-033-002	Animal Inspector Expenses	150.00	0.00	150.00
01-5-033-003	Animal Inspect Rabies Testing	600.00	0.00	600.00
Sub-total		1,270.00	-520.00	750.00
CODE: 034 - PLUMBING INSPECTOR				
01-5-034-001	Plumbing Inspector Salary	2,081.00	-2,081.00	0.00
01-5-034-002	Plumbing Inspector Expense	400.00	-200.00	200.00
01-5-034-003	Plumbing Inspector Travel Exp	400.00	-200.00	200.00
01-5-034-004	Plumbing Inspector Assistant	542.00	-542.00	0.00
Sub-total		3,423.00	-3,023.00	400.00
CODE: 035 - TOWN COMPACTOR				
01-5-035-001	Town Compactor Caretaker Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-5-035-002	Town Compact Board of Health Collecto	1,000.00	-902.22	97.78
01-5-035-003	Town Compactor Oper Exp	85,000.00	-80,501.04	4,498.96
01-5-035-004	Town Compact. Site Maint	2,600.00	0.00	2,600.00
01-5-035-005	Town Compact. Bags/Stickers	17,466.00	-8,877.28	8,588.72
01-5-035-006	Town Compact. Training/Edu	150.00	0.00	150.00
Sub-total		106,216.00	-90,280.54	15,935.46
CODE: 036 - RECYCLING				
01-5-036-000	Recycling Account	50,000.00	-35,548.28	14,451.72
Sub-total		50,000.00	-35,548.28	14,451.72
CODE: 037 - STREET LIGHTS				
01-5-037-000	Street Lights	47,000.00	-47,000.00	0.00
Sub-total		47,000.00	-47,000.00	0.00
CODE: 039 - HIGHWAY ADMIN				
01-5-039-001	Highway Salaries	199,860.00	-186,130.70	13,729.30
01-5-039-002	Higway Vacation & Fringe Bene	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-5-039-003	Highway Dues & Meetings	550.00	-550.00	0.00
01-5-039-004	Highway Superintendent Salary	67,292.00	-61,145.20	6,146.80
01-5-039-005	Highway Dept. Salaries Overtime	36,000.00	-27,967.14	8,032.86
Sub-total		303,702.00	-275,793.04	27,908.96
CODE: 040 - HIGHWAY TOOLS/GAS/OIL				
01-5-040-000	Road Machinery Tool/Gas/Oil	126,000.00	-124,058.27	1,941.73
01-5-040-025	FY2020 Article 3 - to Pay Outstanding Bills	3,572.08	-3,572.08	0.00
Sub-total		129,572.08	-127,630.35	1,941.73

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
CODE: 041 - SNOW & ICE REMOVAL				
01-5-041-000	Snow & Ice Removal	192,000.00	-118,619.90	73,380.10
	Sub-total	192,000.00	-118,619.90	73,380.10
CODE: 042 - HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE				
01-5-042-001	Highway Dept. Repair Town Roads	40,000.00	-29,950.69	10,049.31
01-5-042-002	Highway Dept. Town Roads/Bridges	40,000.00	-26,597.87	13,402.13
01-5-042-003	Highway Dept.t Street Repair	40,000.00	-40,000.00	0.00
01-5-042-004	Highway Dept. Curbing & Culverts	10,000.00	-4,400.00	5,600.00
01-5-042-005	Highway Dept. Guard Rails	12,000.00	-3,000.00	9,000.00
01-5-042-006	Highway Dept. Blacktop	55,772.28	-35,524.85	20,247.43
01-5-042-007	Highway Dept. Engineering Serv	7,500.00	-4,902.60	2,597.40
01-5-042-008	Highway Dept. Stream Cleaning	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
01-5-042-025	Heavy Equipment Rental	10,000.00	-7,007.71	2,992.29
	Sub-total	221,272.28	-151,383.72	69,888.56
CODE: 043 - RECREATION				
01-5-043-000	General Recreation Expense	11,920.00	-6,180.87	5,739.13
	Sub-total	11,920.00	-6,180.87	5,739.13
CODE: 044 - MEMORIAL DAY				
01-5-044-000	Memorial Day	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Sub-total	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
CODE: 045 - LIBRARY				
01-5-045-001	Library Salary	13,900.00	-8,682.00	5,218.00
01-5-045-002	Library New Books Magazines	13,887.24	-8,379.36	5,507.88
01-5-045-003	Library Insurance	950.00	-725.00	225.00
01-5-045-004	Library Exp Supplies Misc.	1,700.00	-389.18	1,310.82
01-5-045-007	Library ILL Loan Replacemts	100.00	0.00	100.00
01-5-045-008	Library Education	200.00	0.00	200.00
01-5-045-009	Library Programs	1,260.79	-483.22	777.57
01-5-045-010	CWMARS Annual Fee	2,000.00	-1,054.00	946.00
01-5-045-011	Story Hour/Summer Reading	2,800.00	-984.46	1,815.54
	Sub-total	36,798.03	-20,697.22	16,100.81
CODE: 046 - VETERANS				
01-5-046-001	Veterans Agents Salary	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.00
01-5-046-002	Veterans Agents Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-5-046-003	Veterans Benefits	20,000.00	-20,000.00	0.00
01-5-046-005	Veterans Cemetery Flags	800.00	-632.06	167.94
	Sub-total	22,300.00	-22,132.06	167.94
CODE: 047 - CEMETERY				
01-5-047-001	Cemetery Chairman Salary	832.00	-832.00	0.00
01-5-047-002	Cemetery 2nd Member Salary	832.00	-832.00	0.00
01-5-047-003	Cemetery 3rd Member Salary	832.00	-832.00	0.00
01-5-047-004	Cemetery Labor	30,625.00	-25,719.66	4,905.34
01-5-047-005	Cemetery Maint & Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-5-047-006	Equip Mowers Loam Tools	8,819.77	-7,788.79	1,030.98
01-5-047-007	Cemetery Admin & Supplies	2,078.65	-1,045.46	1,033.19
	Sub-total	44,019.42	-37,049.91	6,969.51

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED
CODE: 048 - RESERVE FUND				
01-5-048-000	Reserve Fund	20,000.00	-20,000.00	0.00
01-5-048-001	Capital Equipment Stabilization Account	20,000.00	-20,000.00	0.00
01-5-048-025	Stabilization Fund	20,000.00	-20,000.00	0.00
	Sub-total	60,000.00	-60,000.00	0.00
CODE: 050 - COUNCIL ON AGING				
01-5-050-001	Council on Aging Gen Exp	8,200.00	-8,088.96	111.04
01-5-050-002	Council on Aging Van Exp	5,900.00	-4,847.47	1,052.53
01-5-050-003	Council on Aging Van Oper Sal	15,812.00	-11,149.96	4,662.04
01-5-050-005	FY2019 Article 7 - Ride Sharing Pilot Program	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
01-5-050-006	COA Van Ride Sharing Program	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
01-5-050-007	COA Salaries (Director)	22,724.00	-19,672.50	3,051.50
	Sub-total	55,636.00	-43,758.89	11,877.11
CODE: 051 - HISTORICAL COMMISSION				
01-5-051-000	Historical Commission	500.00	-500.00	0.00
01-5-051-001	Cheshire Agricultural Commission	500.00	-218.56	281.44
	Sub-total	1,000.00	-718.56	281.44
CODE: 052 - INTEREST ON NOTES				
01-5-052-000	Interest on Anticipated Notes	5,000.00	-1,100.00	3,900.00
01-5-052-001	Well Land Bond Payment	112,563.00	-112,562.50	0.50
01-5-052-003	Fire Truck (FY2016)	44,984.00	-44,984.00	0.00
01-5-052-004	Highway Truck Loan (FY2016)	33,687.00	-33,687.50	-0.50
01-5-052-005	Highway Truck Loan (FY2018)	57,969.00	-57,969.00	0.00
	Sub-total	254,203.00	-250,303.00	3,900.00
CODE: 058 - ACRSD				
01-5-058-001	ACRSD Foundation Budget	2,061,392.00	-2,061,392.00	0.00
01-5-058-002	ACRSD Transportation	129,525.00	-129,525.00	0.00
01-5-058-003	ACRSD Over-Foundation	301,052.00	-301,052.00	0.00
01-5-058-011	ACRSD Building Project Interest Only	236,084.00	-236,084.00	0.00
	Sub-total	2,728,053.00	-2,728,053.00	0.00
CODE: 061 - VOCATIONAL SCHOOL				
01-5-061-000	Vocational School	440,802.00	-440,802.00	0.00
01-5-061-001	FY2020 STM Article 1 - Vocational School Transportation	40,000.00	-34,496.03	5,503.97
	Sub-total	480,802.00	-475,298.03	5,503.97
CODE: 100 - STATE ASSESSMENTS				
01-5-100-001	State Assess - Air Pollution	0.00	-838.00	-838.00
01-5-100-002	State Assess - RMV Nonrenewal	0.00	-3,980.00	-3,980.00
01-5-100-003	State Assess - Regional Transi	0.00	-26,442.00	-26,442.00
	Sub-total	0.00	-31,260.00	-31,260.00
	Grand Totals	6,220,127.67	-5,702,876.30	517,251.37

Water Enterprise Fund Budget to Actual FY 2020

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGETED	EXPENDED	BALANCE
65-5-054-001	Chairman Salary	3,107.00	-3,107.00	0.00
65-5-054-002	2nd Member Salary	3,107.00	-3,107.00	0.00
65-5-054-003	3rd Member Salary	3,107.00	-2,620.46	486.54
65-5-054-004	Superintendent	59,511.00	-59,511.00	0.00
65-5-054-005	Collector	10,716.00	-10,716.00	0.00
65-5-054-006	Licenses Operator	7,501.00	-7,500.96	0.04
65-5-054-008	Main Replacements	50,000.00	-17,147.96	32,852.04
	Subtotal	137,049.00	-103,710.38	33,338.62
65-5-055-000	Operating Expense	45,000.00	-59,348.79	-14,348.79
	Subtotal	45,000.00	-59,348.79	-14,348.79
65-5-056-000	Maintenance Costs	41,000.00	-25,718.72	15,281.28
	Subtotal	41,000.00	-25,718.72	15,281.28
65-5-057-001	Improvements Pipe Replacement	30,000.00	-14,161.63	15,838.37
65-5-057-002	Improvements Debt Service	25,000.00	-22,360.00	2,640.00
	Subtotal	55,000.00	-36,521.63	18,478.37
	GRAND TOTAL	278,049.00	-225,299.52	52,749.48

Treasurer's Report

To the Board of Selectmen and the Town of Cheshire:

The Annual Report of the Town Treasurer for FY 2020 is hereby submitted:

Departmental Receipts	Receipt Detail	Total Receipts	Departmental Receipts	Receipt Detail	Total Receipts
Board of Assessors	\$ 103.00	\$ 103.00	Debt Service		
			BAN - Grader	\$ 173,000.00	\$ 173,000.00
Board of Health			Dept. of Interior		
Bags & Stickers	78,805.00		PILT - Federally Owned Land	947.00	947.00
Transfer Station - Demo	8,747.95		Fire Dept.		
Permits	2,460.00		Permits	2,500.00	
Perc Tests	2,610.00	92,622.95	Federal Grant	34,329.00	36,829.00
Board of Selectmen			Interest		
Licenses/Fees	19,232.88		General Fund	8,603.64	
Rental Income (CES)	29,236.25		Trust Funds	5,501.08	14,104.72
CH71 Reimb Voc Transport	6,237.00	54,706.13	Planning Board		
Building Inspector			Filing Fees	850.00	850.00
Permits	17,287.05	17,287.05	Plumbing/Gas Inspector		
Cemetery			Permits	1,130.00	1,130.00
Grave Openings	5,600.00		Police Dept.		
Misc Work & Wkend Charge	600.00		Details	30,365.00	
Equipment Use	250.00		Permits	9,525.00	
Deed Fee	100.00		Equipment Grant	915.00	
Perpetual Care Fund	3,800.00		Fees/Fines	2,324.13	43,129.13
Sale of Lots	2,200.00	12,550.00	Refunds	2,957.63	2,957.63
Commonwealth of MA			Tax Collector		
CMVI - RMV Infractions	7,822.88		Taxes/Interest/Fees	4,759,374.63	4,759,374.63
General Government (Lottery)	627,423.00		Town Clerk		
State Owned Land	110,901.00		Dog Licenses	3,850.00	
Elderly/Blind Exemption Reimbursement	20,209.00		Fines/Late Fees	775.00	
N. Berkshire District Court Reports	650.00		Rental Community Center	965.00	
Other State Revenue	76.60		Miscellaneous	490.00	6,080.00
Elder Affairs Grant	19,494.58		Treasurer		
MEMA COVID-19 Grant	121,828.00		Health Insurance Premiums	29,104.84	
Library Grant	4,667.65		Tax titles	18,401.70	47,506.54
Library - Maker Space (Gen Dynamics)	500.00		Water Dept.		
Community Development Block Grant	247,823.03		Rents	275,748.05	
Board of Health Recycling Program	4,200.00		Work Permits	333.50	
Veteran Services Reimbursement	24,820.00		Earnings on Investments	818.55	276,900.10
Extended Polling	252.00		Wire Inspector		
Chapter 90	9,019.36	1,199,687.10	Permits	11,827.75	11,827.75
Conservation Commission			Zoning Board of Appeals	1,200.00	1,200.00
Fees/Permits	525.00	525.00	TOTAL RECEIPTS		
Council on Aging			FY 2020:	\$ 6,754,291.73	\$ 6,754,291.73
Van Receipts	\$ 974.00	\$ 974.00			

SCHEDULE OF TRUST FUNDS:

OPEB Trust Fund	\$ 4,094.28
Stabilization	365,717.16
Capital Equipment Stabilization	93,676.40
Cemetery Dept. - Perpetual Care	173,711.39
Cemetery Dept. - Sale of Lots	19,255.13
Cemetery Dept. - Whipple and Harkness	33,008.62
Cemetery Dept. - Dumont	6,090.99
Cemetery Dept. - Benjamin & Phyllis Bissell	1,331.97
Cemetery Dept. - John L. Brown	1,625.00
Cemetery Dept. - Lorraine N. Braund	53,325.59
Philip Burns Public Library	6,826.75
Philip Burns Public School	20,123.02
Westminster Chime	1,495.77
Veteran's Memorial	2,647.53
Balance June 30, 2020	\$ 782,929.60

LOANS:

**BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE -
DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT (GRADER)**

Adams Community Bank

Loan Amount	\$ 173,000.00
Issue Date - May 1, 2020	
Due Date - April 30, 2021	
Interest Rate - 1.25%	
Balance July 1, 2019	0.00
Annual Payment Amount	0.00
Interest Expense	\$ 0.00
Balance June 30, 2020	\$ 173,000.00

**BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE -
DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT**

Greenfield Cooperative Bank

Loan Amount (Renewal)	411,500.00
Fire Truck:	349,000.00
Highway Truck:	62,500.00
Issue Date - January 31, 2020	
Due Date - January 29, 2021	
Interest Rate - 1.60%	
Balance July 1, 2019	411,500.00
Annual Payment Amount	0.00
Interest Expense	0.00
Balance June 30, 2020	\$ 411,500.00

**BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE -
DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT**

Easthampton Savings Bank

Loan Amount	534,250.00
Highway Truck I:	56,500.00
Fire Truck:	384,000.00
Highway Truck II:	93,750.00
Issue Date - February 1, 2019	
Due Date - January 31, 2020	
Interest Rate - 2.60%	
Balance July 1, 2019	534,250.00
Paydown on Highway Truck I:	(56,500.00)
Paydown on Fire Truck:	(35,000.00)
Paydown on Highway Truck II:	(31,250.00)
BAN renewal amount:	411,500.00
Interest Expense	\$ 13,890.50
Balance June 30, 2020	\$ 0.00

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS BOND ISSUE

USDA RUS Loan:	\$ 455,000.00
USDA RUS Grant:	150,440.00
Amount of Bond Issue at Inception	\$ 455,000.00
Issue Date - April 28, 2016	
Term of Bond - 35 years	
With interest payable annually	
Interest Rate - 2.25%	
Balance July 1, 2019	416,000.00
Annual Payment Amount	(13,000.00)
Interest Expense	9,360.00
Balance June 30, 2020	\$ 403,000.00

LAND ACQUISITION BOND ISSUE

Amount of Bond Issue at Inception	1,158,925.00
Issue Date - December 15, 2009	
Term of Bond - 15 years	
With interest payable semiannually	
Interest Rate - 4.75%	
Balance July 1, 2019	475,000.00
Annual Payment Amount	(90,000.00)
Interest Expense	22,562.50
Balance June 30, 2020	\$ 385,000.00

**FIRE DEPT - EMERGENCY RESCUE VEHICLE
BOND ISSUE**

USDA Rural Development

Issue Date - March 11, 2008	
Due Date - March 11, 2023	
Total Vehicle Cost	165,000.00
Less Grant award	(57,750.00)
Loan Amount	107,250.00
Interest Rate - 4.25%	
Balance July 1, 2019	35,400.95
Annual Payment Amount	(8,312.46)
Interest Expense	\$ 1,504.54
Balance June 30, 2020	\$ 27,088.49

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Herzog

Tax Collector

To the Board of Selectmen and the Town of Cheshire:

The Annual Report of the Tax Collector for FY 2020 is hereby submitted:

Outstanding Taxes as of July 1, 2019:

Real Estate	\$ 166,536.17
Personal Property	3,784.38
Motor Vehicle	41,561.75
TOTAL	211,882.30

Abatements/Exemptions:

Real Estate	\$ 29,627.43
Personal Property	477.90
Motor Vehicle	12,461.05
TOTAL	42,566.38

Committed to collect:

Real Estate	4,185,744.16
Personal Property	98,885.23
Motor Vehicle	574,094.84
TOTAL	4,858,724.23

Refunds:

Real Estate	4,941.61
Motor Vehicle	7,128.48
TOTAL	12,070.09

Turned over to the Treasurer:

Real Estate Taxes	4,073,564.12
Personal Property Taxes	97,136.54
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	542,071.65
Tax Title	8,478.05
Mobile Home Excise	14,484.00
Interest	22,862.63
Registry Marking Fees	3,060.00
Municipal Lien Fees	2,150.00
Tax Collector Fees	4,700.00
Deputy Collector Fees	5,676.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,774,182.99

Outstanding Taxes as of June 30, 2020:

Real Estate	254,030.39
Personal Property	5,055.17
Motor Vehicle	68,252.37
TOTAL	327,337.93

Hoosac Lake District

Outstanding Taxes July 1, 2019:	2,308.14
Committed to collect:	35,130.09
Turned over to Treasurer:	30,740.15
Outstanding Taxes June 30, 2020:	\$ 6,698.08

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Herzog

Board of Assessors

The annual report of the Board of Assessors for Fiscal Year 2020 is hereby submitted.

Fiscal year 2020 Real Estate and Personal Property taxes were committed to the Tax Collector on October 3, 2019.

The elected Board of Assessors is required to value all property in the town annually, at full and fair cash value (market value). Much of our direction comes from Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The Department of Revenue is charged, by statute, with the responsibility of certifying every five years that the Assessors are complying with the statutes and that they do so, fairly and equitably.

Market value of property is generally determined by using the sales price of similar properties from the preceding year. These sale prices are extrapolated into previous cost tables, to then be applied to all parcels.

FY 2020 was a re-certification year. Sales were analyzed and value tables changes were made to reflect the market.

The tax rate increased from \$13.10 to \$13.44

The Hoosac Lake District tax rate changed from \$0.37 to \$1.35

Real Estate & Personal Property Commitments and Abatements

Commitments

Type	No. of Bills	Tax	Valuation
Real Estate	1,607	\$ 4,185,744.15	\$ 311,439,297
Personal Prop	33	98,885.23	7,357,533
Hoosac Lake Dist	106	35,130.09	26,022,100
Total	1,746	\$ 4,319,759.47	\$ 344,818,930

Abatements & Exemptions

Abatements RE	2	\$	288.47
Abatements PP	1		477.90
Abatements LD	0		0.00
Elderly Exempt	19		5,625.00
Veteran Exempt	28		22,898.96
Blind Exempt	1		875.00
Clause 18 Exempt	0		0.00
Total	49	\$	30,165.33

Motor Vehicle Excise Commitments & Abatements

Commitments

Year	No. of Bills	Tax
2019	606	\$ 63,075.49
2020	3,848	510,954.35
Total	4,567	\$ 574,029.84

Abatements

Year	No. of Abatements	Tax Abated
2016	1	\$ 207.81
2017	3	542.85
2018	8	715.87
2019	59	3,887.31
2020	65	7,107.21
Total	182	\$ 12,461.05

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Astorino
Everett Martin
Nancy Delorey

Board of Health

The Board of Health hereby submits the annual report for Fiscal Year 2020.

As goes for every year, the Board of Health stayed up to date with all of the current recycling and solid waste hauling guidelines. We stayed within our projected budget and with the bringing on of an additional transfer station attendant, have been collecting enough money to offset the increasing costs of recycling and solid waste hauling.

Two new members were welcomed onto the Board of Health, Michael Kruszyna and Brian Trudeau. With the welcoming of two new members, the board was able to start modernizing how its office operates. We even launched the official "Cheshire Board of Health" Facebook page.

In the early months of 2020, the Board of Health was faced with the novel Coronavirus. Dealing with this global pandemic took a huge effort from all of our members to stay up to date with all of the everchanging COVID-19 guidelines.

As we look forward to next year, we plan to get back into the routine of regular office and meeting hours. We also will be looking into fixing, renovating, and remodeling our current old and fading transfer station. This will help the town be more efficient in its trash removal and recycling program.

Respectfully submitted
by your Board of Health,

Christopher Gamer
Brian Trudeau
Michael Kruszyna

Cemetery Commission

Fiscal Year 7/1/2019 - 6/30/20

During the year there were 16 burials.

Full Burials	6
Cremation Burials	10
Burial Plots sold	19

Many thanks to the grounds crew at the Cheshire Cemetery who maintain eight cemeteries in Cheshire, they do an outstanding job.

Thanks to the Cheshire Highway Department for their service of opening/digging full burial graves.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Furey
Richard Francesconi
Stephen LaFogg

Cheshire Council on Aging

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, all public buildings are closed since March 2020. However, the Cheshire Council on Aging worked within the allowed perimeters and was able to offer the following services between July 30, 2019 to July 1, 2020:

- * Elder Services Grab N' Go lunches were provided for five days per week. Volunteers served the lunches to each car with distancing, wearing masks, sanitizing hands and wearing gloves were mandatory. Over 3,356 lunches were served. Our last luncheon served 60 guests and all were looking forward to continued lunches, good conversations, and social activities.
- * The foot clinic was offered with the ruling that only one person at a time could be in the building with the nurse. Bi-monthly attendees number 10-12/per month totaling 145 individuals.
- * Over 30 "Brown Bags" (Staples supplied by the Western Mass Food Bank each month) have been packed by Cheshire volunteers in Adams and distributed from the Cheshire Senior/Community Center.
- * Farmer Market coupons were distributed to twenty families.
- * Morning Exercise with Jane met 3 days per week until the cold weather came.
- * A Rabies Clinic was held at the Cheshire Police Station.
- * SHINE insurance assistance was offered via Zoom or over the telephone.
- * The monthly Birthday Card project typically sends to 80-100 Cheshire residents.
- * The new format for the Cheshire Chatter has received high praise and it is offered bi-monthly in print and on the Cheshire Council on Aging Facebook page.
- * Offices, bathrooms, and the kitchen have been newly painted.
- * Daily wellness calls are made in addition to mailing get well cards and sympathy cards. Adult colorings packets are mailed monthly to all local nursing homes (the *Don't Forget Me* project).
- * New tables and chairs have been purchased for the lunches.
- * The Cheshire Pantry is housed at the center and offers monthly bags of quality foods. Each month volunteers pack and hand deliver to cars bags for over 94 families a month. Emergency food is always available with delivery for those without transportation.

- * Volunteer hours total 1,830.33. A sincere Thank You is extended to the many wonderful volunteers who assist in the center offerings. We are a great team!
- * Assisted residents with social service agency referrals.
- * Activities to help with isolation and loneliness.
- * Offerings included: Senior Tech Days, Apple Picking, Meet the Candidate, Card Making, Wreath Making, Line Dancing, Lectures by Barry Emery, and a Nonagenarian Birthday Party. The Northern Berkshire Ukulele Band and the Sweet Adelines provided entertainment with audience participation with singing and dancing. Pilates and Movies with popcorn Mondays and workshops were offered. In Appreciation Gift cards were given to COA volunteers to enjoy a lunch at the Bass Water Grill. Thank you to Cheshire Friends for supporting many activities at the center.
- * The CHP Medical Health Van is available every first Wednesday of the month from 10 am to noon. Services include: flu shots, blood pressure readings, temperatures taken, and COVID-19 testing. Medical staff is available to discuss private health issues with referrals available. No appointment is needed. The van is parked in the COA parking lot with accommodations available to those unable to leave their vehicle.
- * We hope to replace the dish washer/sanitizer. An AARP Grant was used for the purchase of following: elevated raised bed gardens and a seating area. Senior friendly bicycles will be available with no fee attached. Pickle Board equipment was purchased and lessons will be offered at the center for residents who would like to learn to play the game.

As we go forward, we anticipate the offering of art programs, exercise programs, movies, day trips, plays, lectures of interest, computer and cell phone lessons, and cooking classes. We plan on continuing to serve lunch 5 days per week and in good weather we will offer an outdoor library and picnics.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole A. Hilderbrand
Activity and Volunteer Coordinator

**The Members of the Cheshire Council on Aging
during July 2019 - June 2020:**

Gene Gebarowski, Chairman
Mal Gwozdz
Peter Traub
John Bianchi
Lynda Bianchi
Barbara Proper
Carol A. Francesconi

Cheshire Library Association

What a year! COVID-19 certainly curtailed our services starting last March.

Just before our closure, our wonderful librarian, Amy Emerson-Inhelder, resigned after 5 years with us. We hated to see her go but the move to a full-time position was the right move for her. She was always willing to help everyone get materials they wanted, conducted Story Hour for our littlest readers, reading programs for all ages and managed our Facebook page along with all her other duties. We miss her dearly and wish her the best.

During the summer of 2019, Amy conducted “Universe of Stories” Summer Reading Program. The program ended with an ice cream social, certificates and goody bags.

Once again, the Northern Berkshire Council of Arts Grant funded programs by Amanda Raymond, yoga and meditation; Amy Emerson-Inhelder, Paint and Sip “Night Sky;” Boston Traveling Children’s Museum of Science, “Night Sky;” Lorraine Faucher, Card Making; Amy, Ugly Sweater Cookie Decorating; Barry Emery, Cheshire History; and Amy, Make and Take Halloween Craft.

We would like to thank General Dynamics for a grant to purchase kits and materials for STEM/STEAM activities to equip a work station with hands-on activities. The youngsters enjoyed these activities while learning math and science.

In January, Amy began another Cabin Fever Reading Program. By reading, participants received mosaic blocks which created a large mural. Young and old alike enjoyed watching the picture “develop” as blocks were added.

Christine Emerson did a fine job stepping in to keep our Library and Summer Reading Program going during the pandemic. Under her supervision, the Library patrons were able to join the Bruins Reading Challenge and “Imagine Your Story” Summer Reading Program. It was difficult since the program became an “on your own” program. Prizes and certificates were awarded to six children participants in the Bruins Challenge and eight children and three adults for the Summer Reading Program.

We restarted delivering Inter Library Loan materials once the Massachusetts Library Loan Commissioners and Optima Delivery began to deliver again. You can obtain books, audiobooks, and DVDs through CWMARS and pick up at the Town Hall.

(see Cheshire’s website: www.cheshire-ma.gov, link to the Library and then CWMARS)

Or you can call 743-4746 to request books, etc. from our Library by leaving a message with your name, telephone number, and title and author of book desired. Inter Library Loan materials are delivered on Thursdays, quarantined until Monday when calls are made to patrons.

The Board would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to Christine Emerson for handling purchases, getting materials to patrons, etc. Without her, library services would have been at a standstill. We would also like to give another big **THANK YOU** to Heather Emerson for stepping in to continue Story Hour on Facebook, starting and overseeing an Adult Facebook Book Club and updating our Facebook page. Their hard work has kept us going. Please “Friend” us on Facebook and join the fun if you haven’t already done so.

Just before the pandemic, we began the process of selecting a new librarian by posting the position and receiving many applications. The Board decided to put the process on hold until we can conduct in-person interviews. Once the Town Hall, Library and Community Center have reopened, we will re-advertise the position and continue the process of finding a new librarian. We hope to have a new librarian soon.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Baker
President of the Cheshire
Library Association

Board Members

Diane Hitter
Inez Jepson
Suzanne Boyle
Karen Drain
Heather Emerson
Aimee Casey
Jack Girard
John Bianchi
Christine Emerson
Emeritus: Ruth Andrew

Historical Commission

The Cheshire Historical Commission is looking forward to its new (and historic) home on the ground floor of Town Hall.

Our meeting area will include the former town “lock-up” and will afford space for exhibit cabinets to display important Cheshire historical artifacts.

The Commissioners looks forward to inviting the public for a deeper look into Cheshire’s rich history.

As ever, we are happy to accept donations of historical interest. We will now have a most interesting space to share them with you.

Respectfully,

Diane Hitter, Chair
 Jared Martin, Alternate
 Elaine Daniels
 Vern Emerson
 Robert Hitter
 Gus Martin
 Lois Nangle
 George Reynolds

Wire Inspector

To the Board of Selectmen and the Town of Cheshire

As Wire Inspector of the Town of Cheshire. I submit this Report from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

- 1 Remove & Reinstall Solar PNL'S
- 1 Lights Elem. School
- 5 Service Upgrades
- 1 Service & Misc. Wiring
- 1 Trailer Park Service
- 6 Boilers
- 6 Garages
- 4 Additions
- 1 Chemical Storage Building
- 1 Rewire Living Room
- 2 Mini-Splits
- 1 Finish Wiring of Home
- 2 Remodels
- 1 New Access Systems H.V.H.S.
- 1 Flood lights Compactor Site
- 1 Secure Meter
- 1 Remodel & Service
- 1 In-Ground Pool
- 1 Replace Electric Panel
- 1 Kitchen Remodel
- 18 Solar
- 1 Fire, Disconnect Outlet
- 8 New Service
- 1 Temp. Service
- 2 Furnace
- 2 Boilers & Hot Water Heaters
- 1 Rewire Home & Underground Service
- 1 Addition & Service Upgrade
- 1 Replace Service Riser
- 2 Porch Lighting
- 1 First Floor Lighting
- 1 New Home
- 2 Septic Systems Wiring
- 1 Flood lights Elem. School
- 1 Misc. Wiring
- 1 House #2 Wiring
- 1 Institutional Electrical Permit
- 1 Family Room
- 1 Fire Alarm System
- 1 Rewire Due to Water Damage

Number of Permits..... 87
 Number of Inspections 141
 Total Fees Collected\$ 12,896.50

Respectfully submitted,
 George Sweet
 Wire Inspector
 Les Rhinemiller
 Assistant Wire Inspector

Police Department

To the Board of Selectman and the residents of the Town of Cheshire, as Chief of Police, it is my pleasure to submit to you my annual report for Fiscal Year 2020.

During this year, we lost one Officer to pursue other interests in law enforcement, but we gained a new Officer, Sam Hungate, to our roster. Currently we have 1 full-time and six part-time Officers including your Chief, which is also part-time.

This year started out busy with a number of tracked categories up significantly over the prior year. The motor vehicle accidents that we covered doubled, and our 911 calls were also up. Also abandoned 911 calls were up quite a bit mostly due to new cell phone technology and people misdialing 911 which prompts a call to us from our dispatcher. Domestic Disturbance calls were up over the prior year which was seen trending nationally upward towards the end of the fiscal year as COVID-19 hit and more people were home.

On the subject of COVID-19, our Department had to make changes and adapt to the new way we do our work. Our Officers stepped up as usual and were vigilant in their response to calls, taking all necessary precautions and cleaning and sanitizing everything needed after any calls. Our office basically shut down to the public which created an issue with pistol permit renewals, but we adapted and found a way to make it work so that renewals got done on a timely basis before expiration. We also received a large number of donated equipment such as masks, gloves, sanitizer, cleaner, wipes and gowns to help get us through this pandemic. I am proud to say that not one of our Officers contracted the virus even with the opportunity presenting itself at each and every call. My thanks to them.

Just a reminder that we do have a facebook page and encourage all to like our page and follow for any updates, closings, safety concerns and storm updates. Also Town happenings and so much more.

As always, **“If you see something, say something”** and report any suspicious activity by calling our cell phone number at: 413-446-3920. Suspicious vehicles, just get a plate number for us and we will follow up with the owner and any call regardless of its outcome.

All of our members continue to take mandatory training as well as other courses to better themselves as Officers. We constantly strive to do the best for our Town and its residents.

As always, I would like to thank the men and woman that make up your Police Department for your outstanding dedication and professionalism to the people of our Town. My thanks to the Board of Selectman for your continued support of our Department. And to our members of the Cheshire Fire Department and EMS for your continued outstanding hard work and dedication to the Town. It is a pleasure working side by side with you all at calls and functions. My thanks to the Mass. State Police and surrounding police agencies for your assistance when needed.

And last, but certainly not least, my thanks to the people of the Town of Cheshire for your much appreciated continued support of the Police Department. **THANK-YOU!**

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Tim Garner

CHESHIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT ROSTER

CHIEF OF POLICE
TIM GARNER 203

SERGEANT
MIKE ALIBOZEK 197



OFFICER
DAVE TARJICK 375

OFFICER
CODY ALVAREZ 393

OFFICER
TRISH CARLO 201

OFFICER
AMALIO (AL) JUSINO 575

OFFICER
ROBERT HUNGATE 205

HARBORMASTER
BLAIR CRANE 209

TOTAL CALLS FOR FY 2020

Calls on Police Line		Hit and Run	4
Miscellaneous Calls.....	1195	Motor Vehicle Accidents.....	Total 80
Assist Other Police Depts.	32	(69 Property, 9 Animal, 2 Fatal)	
B & E Complaints.....	7	A.T.V. Accidents.....	0
Disturbances.....	21	Snowmobile Accident	0
Assault and Battery.....	5	Stolen Motor Vehicle	3
A & B/Dangerous Weapon	0	D.M.V.....	33
Domestic Disturbances.....	22	Harassing Phone Calls	0
Drunk Persons	3	Harassment.....	11
Missing Persons	3	Abuse Complaints.....	0
Suspicious Person Complaints	6	Alarm Calls	24
Shooting Complaints.....	5	911 Calls.....	526
Repo Motor Vehicle.....	0	Abandoned 911 Calls	83
Larceny Over.....	5	M.V. Lockouts	7
Vandalism.....	9	Arrest Without Warrant	16
Animal Complaints	71	Arrest by Warrant	3
Medical Calls	190	Illegal Dumping.....	0
Unattended Deaths.....	2	Credit Card Fraud	0

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2020

Returned Fines to the Town of Cheshire

District Court Fines.....	\$	650.00
Registry of Motor Vehicle Infractions.....	\$	7,822.88

Fees Returned to the Town of Cheshire

Pistol Permits.....	\$	2,769.13
Report Fees	\$	250.00
Parking Ticket Fines.....	\$	105.00

Total Returned Fines and Fees to the Town

Generated by the Police Department..... \$ 11,597.01

Cheshire Fire Department - Hoosac Hose Co.

To the Board of Selectmen and the residents of the Town of Cheshire, it is my pleasure to submit to you the annual report of the Cheshire Fire Department for 2020.

This year was a very challenging one for the members of the Cheshire Fire/EMS Department. As we are all aware, COVID-19 was at the forefront of our daily lives beginning in March of 2020. COVID became a huge factor in everything we did on a daily basis, from attending school, going to work, to interacting with our friends and loved ones. COVID became a very emotional issue for members of the Cheshire Fire Department as well. Members began to be concerned about being exposed to COVID on a call, then bringing that exposure home to their family, all the while volunteering their time to the Department. Members were concerned about how they were going to be paid if heaven forbid, they contracted the virus while responding to a call. I tell you this not as an anecdote that members avoided their responsibilities to the town, but to assure you that despite their concerns, the members of the Department stepped up, took that risk, and still provided professional fire and emergency services to the residents and the visitors to the Town of Cheshire. Training was conducted on how to limit exposure to COVID, personal protection equipment was purchased or donated, and members learned to respond to calls making every effort to limit their exposure to this virus but still provide the best emergency services to the Town of Cheshire. I could not be prouder of each and every member of the Department that accepted the COVID-19 challenge, risked contracting the virus, but still responded to the call when someone called 911. Thank you to the members that exhibited such professionalism and dedication. The Town of Cheshire should be very proud.

Fortunately, the Cheshire Fire Department was able to apply for, and receive, several grants this year that allowed us to purchase personal protective equipment to help us battle the COVID-19 outbreak. The funding came at a very critical time, so the Department didn't have to wait to have much needed supplies delivered to the members to utilize while responding to calls. Masks, N95 respirators, scrubs, gowns, safety glasses, hand sanitizer and other protective equipment was delivered to the station from various grants, so no member had to respond to call without the necessary protection. Several local companies also made large donations of personal protective equipment to the Department to help us battle this disease and to slow the spread. Without those local businesses making those donations, and us receiving grants to purchase the equipment, the Department would have been in a much more difficult position. Thank you to all the local businesses that made these critical donations. We continue to utilize personal protective equipment and take the necessary precautions to fight against the spread of COVID-19 while responding to calls for service. Members have also begun getting the COVID vaccine. Hopefully, we will soon return to a world free of COVID-19.

The Department did receive some bad news this year as far as grant applications. We applied for a Federal grant to replace a 1984 military surplus pickup truck that we use to battle brush fires. The truck is very old and tired and is in dire need of replacement. We were hopeful that because of the condition it was in and the fact that it was military surplus, we would have been a shoe-in for receiving a grant for replacement. However, we were recently notified that our Department was not chosen to receive the funding. Because of this, I worked with the Board of Selectmen to come up with the most cost efficient replacement of the truck to utilize a brush truck that is safe and free of mechanical defects that our members could respond to brush fires in. I will continue to work with the Board of Selectmen to obtain a usable vehicle to serve as our brush truck this year.

In 2020 the Department responded to 315 calls for service. This is down from last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These calls for service required either a fire emergency response, a medical emergency response, or both. Additionally, the command staff of the Department issued 122 burning permits, 3 certificates of compliance, 21 oil burner installation permits, 20 propane tank installation permits, 3 underground oil tank removal permits, 4 new oil tank installation permits, 2 gasoline stationary tank permits, and 65 smoke and carbon monoxide detector compliance certificates.

The fundraising arm of the Cheshire Fire Department, the Hoosac Hose Company, was also affected by COVID-19 this year. For the first time in 135 years, the Hoosac Hose Company did not have our annual fireman's ball. This was a very disappointing and upsetting turn of events in the history of the Hoosac Hose Company. However, the membership knew that this was the safest and best course of action considering the circumstances. Also, the Hoosac Hose Company decided to scale back their fundraising efforts to help everyone deal with the daily challenges, both physically and financially, that the public and the members had to endure with COVID-19. We are hoping that 2021 is a better year for all of us. However, even with COVID-19, the Hoosac Hose Company was able to continue their monetary donations to numerous youth programs, scholarships to local seniors, as well as giving to those in need.

The Department continues to train every Thursday night at 7 pm. During these training drills we practice a number of skills that keep our firefighters and EMTs trained to the highest level and I am proud of how professional and trained our firefighters and EMTs are. Our members also attend training at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in both Stow and Springfield, MA several times throughout the year to learn the newest skills as well as to keep up several national certifications that some of our members have attained. All of the members of the Cheshire Fire Department are certified medical first responders, certified in recognizing and mitigating hazardous materials, as well as

certified in CPR, AED and blood borne pathogens. Cheshire also belongs to and utilizes a county-wide mutual aid system that provides fire and emergency medical services to neighboring towns and cities in Berkshire County during times of need. We regularly train with our neighboring departments to build and maintain a positive working relationship with our brother and sister departments.

At this time I would like to thank the Cheshire Police Department, Cheshire Highway Department, the Massachusetts State Police, the Adams Ambulance Service and everyone else that assists us in doing our jobs every day. Without you, we certainly wouldn't be as successful as we are.

Respectfully,

Thomas Francesconi
Fire Chief
Cheshire Fire Department



CHESHIRE FIRE DEPARTMENT (Hoosac Hose Company)



FIRE CHIEF

Thomas Francesconi

1st ASSISTANT CHIEF

Vacant

2nd ASSISTANT CHIEF

Jason Mendonca

3rd ASSISTANT CHIEF

Corey Swistak

Shawn Martin

FIRE CAPTAINS

Kim Martin

Andy Heath

EMS CAPTAIN

Fred Balawender

FIREFIGHTERS

Danny Barnes
Craig Comstock
CJ Garner
Tim Garner
Fran Gwozdz

Andy Kachel
Del Krzeminski
Brent Lancia
Brian Lancia
William Lewis
Bryant Martin

Erin Paris
William Rech
Mike Sabato
Chris Smith
Quinn Whitney

NATIONALLY REGISTERED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS

Fred Balawender

Tom Francesconi

Sandra Martin

RETIRED RESERVES

Bob Lamb Jr.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Michael Biagini
Ed Gwozdz

Les Rhinemiller
George Sweet (Retired Chief)

HOOSAC HOSE COMPANY OFFICERS

Tim Garner - Secretary

Erin Paris - Treasurer

AUXILLARY MEMBERS

Barry Emery
Lindsay Chittendon

Ali Lancia
Michelle Rech

Pat Rech
Joe Wilk

Water Department

Mission Statement adopted
by the Board of Water Commissioners:
*To provide safe drinking water to our customers,
be in compliance with all current and new drinking
water regulations, be fiscally sound,
and be sensitive to our customers needs.*

Annual Report
July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

The Board of Water commissioners are pleased to submit their Annual Report for the year 2020.

The Board of Water commissioners meets at the Town Hall every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

The Cheshire Water Department continues to look for efficiencies in operating your water system.

The Cheshire Water Department is also looking to find ways to conserve the land which we care for. We believe that land conservation, wildlife protection and preservation are part of our water shed area. We vow to protect these resources, as well as, our most basic need for life, water!! We are currently working with a State Forester to manage our forest.

Listed below are the projects completed
by the Water Department 2019/2020.

- Consumer Confidence Report compiled and delivered to water users.
- Statistical Report completed and submitted to Mass DEP.
- Serviced Emergency Generator.
- Completed all mandatory water quality testing including lead, copper, Arsenic, and nitrates.
- Purchased storage container and made shed out of it.
- Fixed water main leak Crest Drive.
- Updated Emergency Response Plan.
- Leak detection (yearly prowler).
- Updated and refurbish water lines in pit and put meters in and insulated pipes West Mountain Road.
- Calibrated Master Meter.
- Installed sample station in North State Road pit.
- Replaced electrical panel in tank pit at tank West Mountain Road.
- Rebuilt hydrant on Furnace Hill.
- Fixed water main leak on intersection of West Mountain Road and Route 8.
- Painted Fire Hydrants.
- Work with D.E.P. to remain in compliance.

Please feel free to stop in any Tuesday
if you have any comments or suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

The Cheshire Water Department
Board of Water Commissioners
Michael Biagini
Rick Gurney
Stephen R. LaFogg

Zoning Board of Appeals

FY20 Annual Report

To the Board of Selectmen and the residents of the Town of Cheshire, the Cheshire Zoning Board of Appeals submits this Annual Report for calendar year 2020.

This past year the Zoning Board of Appeals acted on (2) two requests for variance to the Cheshire Zoning By-Law that were requested by town property owners and acted upon.

The Zoning Board of Appeals which is a (3) three-member board with up to (3) three alternate members, is staffed by the (3) three members and currently (2) two alternates, all assigned by the Select Board. The Zoning Board of Appeals is looking for additional alternates.

The new "Request for Variance" form that the Zoning Board, in conjunction with the Building Inspector, developed and is required to be used by town residents when requesting a Variance to the Zoning By-Law, has significantly improved the quality of input to the Board.

Respectfully submitted

Stephen Marko, Chairman

Board Members:

Thomas Zappula, Member
Dale Grimshaw, Member
Robert Balawender, Alternate
Sean Conley, Alternate

Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District

District-Wide CY 20 - Town of Cheshire

For Calendar Year 2020, District-wide data - 842.97 tons of paper, glass, cans, and plastic were recycled. The Town of Cheshire recycled 54.24 tons of paper and 41.24 co-mingle. District Wide Recycling Services, MSW (Trash) 2,048 tons, Demo/Bulky recycling - 649 tons, scrap metal recycling - 290 tons generating revenue back to the towns - \$19,053. Congratulations to all the member Town residents for increasing your recycling from last calendar year. The Textile Recovery recycling program District-wide had an increase as well and collected 79,425 pounds of textiles. Thank you for keeping from the waste stream and donating. The town's Transfer Station again this year rated Excellent in your MassDEP Third party inspection. Congratulations to Transfer Station Attendants and town officials!

The District contracted with Clean Harbors Environmental for a one-day Hazardous Waste Collection that was held on August 22, 2020, at the Adams DPW Yard. This location is central to the residents of the thirteen member towns and we appreciate the Town of Adams for allowing NBSWMD the use of the property for that day. Residents from every member town - 155 households and several Town Departments in all - took advantage of the opportunity to dispose of Hazardous Chemicals in a safe way. The cost for this one-day event was \$10,150; Peace of mind for residents - Priceless! Thank you to Town of Adams Commissioner Edward Driscoll, Commissioner of Clarksburg Carl McKinney, Commonwealth Community Service program and Adams Police Department for help at our much-needed collection. The NBSWMD has changed the paint collection program to mainstream the collection and maximize our dollars. Oil-based paint is collected at the Comprehensive Household Hazardous Waste Collection. Latex Paint is no longer accepted as it is not a hazardous material. We continue to educate our residents on drying latex and proper disposal or donating if the product is usable.

Our next Household Hazardous Waste collection will be held April 24, 2021, Town of Adams DPW yard. Please view under: www.nbswmd.com under Special Collections.

The District has six Universal Waste Product Sheds for District member towns to utilize, funded throughout the years by Mass DEP. The cost of recycling is allocated from the District's yearly budget. This program has increased with the amount of collections and there are sheds at the Adams, Cheshire, Hinsdale, Peru, Windsor, and Williamstown transfer stations. Next Level for Recycling Inc. (NLR) is the designated facility for the District's recycling of Universal Waste products. To stay in compliance with Mass DEP, all sheds must be cleaned and packed for shipping on a yearly basis. Each town generates a Waste Manifest which is filed in the District office. Thanks again to all who make this program a success. This program is also maintained by each town's transfer/recycling center attendants; thank you. The District recycled 917 lbs. of various size fluorescent lamps, 1,088 lbs. mixed batteries, 503 lbs. non-PCB-contaminated ballasts, 2 5-Gallon containers of Mercury Devices (such as thermostats and thermometers) at a cost of \$4,655. We continue with outreach and education in assisting our communities in converting their

households and businesses to LED lighting. Please check with your local Community Action Councilor Mass Save program. Your utility company can assist with this information regarding Energy Audits.

The District, with town volunteers, held annual Bulky and Electronic waste collection days in Adams, Clarksburg, and Lanesborough. The special collection events are open to all residents of the thirteen member towns. Total material collected at Adams: 14,230 pounds of electronics, 7.05 tons of scrap metal, and 5.61 tons of furniture, etc. Total collected at Lanesborough: 6,120 pounds of electronics, 1.99 tons of scrap metal, and 1.51 tons of furniture, etc. Total collected at Clarksburg: 3,600 pounds of electronics, 2.56 tons of scrap metal and 1.51 tons of furniture, etc. Thanks to our volunteers: Joe Szczepaniak, Paul Howcroft, Selectman Bush, Clarksburg, and Lanesborough DPWs. The District had 3 extraordinarily successful Bulky Waste Collection events. The schedule for 2021 can be found on our website (under special collections) and flyers will be available at the transfer stations as soon as dates are finalized. These collections are held in the months of June, September, and October.

On April 11, 2020 the District, with Pro Shred, offered a paper shredding event held at the Town Hall in Lanesborough. There was no cost for residents to utilize this collection. We generated 4,800 lbs. of shredded paper. The collection promotes recycling and helps combat identify theft. Many Towns' residents had the opportunity to safely shred paper documents.

Please view our website for events and information/resources on recycling programs.

- Kickoff to Earth Day/Month
- Saturday, April 24, 2021 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Town of Adams DPW yard
- Saturday, May 8, Town of Williamstown Transfer Station Shred Fest Paper, with Pro-shred
- The District has been in discussion with Williams College Environmental Studies about conducting a comprehensive study on a Pilot Project to promote Food Waste reduction. The 2 Models will offer curbside and drop-off at the Transfer Station. With possible support from the Cool Committee and Casella Waste Systems INC., we hope to offer this in the upcoming year. Then introduce to all Member Towns in the District.
- July Kick-off Earth Machine (Home Composting units) Subsidy program to be held at the Town of Hinsdale Transfer Station.
- More collections will be offered, see: www.nbswmd.com under special collections.

This year NBSWMD Program Coordinator Linda Cernik filed grant applications and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection awarded "Small Initiative Grants" of \$500.00 to 3 towns in the District and \$1,500.00 to NBSWMD.

The Commissioners voted to pool the grants for a shared purchase of 100 (80) gallon Earth Machines (home composting units), various outreach materials, and to organize special collection events by the community and schools and hold Community Paper Shredding days and HHW collection events. The approved shared purchase will be a benefit to all the member towns and residents. There were ten towns in the District that received Mass DEP Recycling Dividends Program. Each of the member towns contributed \$500.00, with NBSWMD contribution of \$1,500.00 for shared purchase.

The Towns of Adams, Cheshire, Florida, Hancock, Hinsdale, Williamstown, Windsor, and Savoy were again recognized and awarded funds under the Mass DEP Recycling Dividends Program. The District is proud to announce two newcomers receiving Recycling Dividends Program: towns of Monroe - \$2,800, and Peru - \$3,150. This program awards points for achievement. Awards for the District member towns: Adams - \$5,950, Cheshire - \$4,550, Florida - \$3,500, Hancock - \$3,500, Hinsdale - \$4,900, Savoy - \$4,550, Williamstown - \$4,900, and Windsor - \$4,550. Towns of Clarksburg, Lanesborough and New Ashford were awarded Small Scales Awards of \$500 and NBSWMD \$1,500. Total grant dollars awarded to NBSWMD: \$45,350 District-wide. This is an increase of 30% from last year's grant awards. Congratulations, we did it as a team, thank you! The funds are reinvested to promote recycling education, new equipment, or projects. All the towns increased their RDP Grant Awards from last calendar year. My goal is to help all the towns achieve RDP Grant awards. Each year the criteria to achieve RDP Awards requires additional data and recycling requirements. This coming grant cycle all Towns must certify that their school system is contracted with a hauling company and providing recycling. This data was captured in our Solid Waste and Recycling Data Surveys submitted January, 2021, for all 13 Towns.

The waste stream continues to evolve, and our programs will continue to evolve as well. Our efforts in the coming year will be aimed at: expanding locations for collecting textiles, Compost Distribution Program, Pilot Program with Williams College, Creation of new CHARM Center opportunities, waste reduction, keeping cost down, Kick-off to Earth Day/Month, HHW Collection April 24, 2021, Community paper Shred Fest scheduled May 8, 2021, expanding our "Green Team" collaboration with our District's local schools, Outreach and Education.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Shawn Wright, Amy Broderick and Connor Doherty, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Trial Court, Office of Community Corrections. Over 168 hours of volunteer time were given to the member towns in the District. Your help - with HHW events, packing our Universal Waste Sheds, helping with special events, packing the boxes for pickup, organizing the Town of Hinsdale's Swap Shop monthly cleaning, and organizing the Town of Williamstown's Book Shed - is greatly appreciated. There are so many benefits from the sheds at the transfer stations. Many treasures can be found. Thank you all for a great year and partnership. We look forward to working with you in 2021!

To the residents of the member towns: Thank you for your continued support in recycling and waste reduction. Your dedication is what makes the Northern Berkshire community a beautiful place to call home! Stop by your town's Swap Shop located at the Transfer Stations of Hinsdale, Savoy, and Windsor, there are treasures to be found!

Thank you all for a Great Year. With challenging times, we stuck together to make it all possible. The District Thanks all Board of Commissioners, Transfer Station/Recycling Attendants, contracted haulers Casella Waste Systems INC., Sayers Scrap Recycling, Bob's Tires, Next Level Recycling, Clean Harbors Environmental, and our Textile Recycling collections vendors.

Reuse - Recycle - Re-think - Donate and Recycle whenever possible

Linda Cernik
NBSWMD
Program Coordinator

C.J. Garner
NBSWMD
Board Commissioner for
the Town of Cheshire

Cheshire Council on Aging in Review



- 1: Berkshire Hills Chorus Live at the Cheshire COA, November, 2019.
- 2: Cheshire Senior Club at Waubeeka, 2019.
- 3: Always Good Desserts at the COA, 2020.
- 4: Valentines Day Dinner Dance, February, 2020.
- 5: Lunch at the Cafe' at the COA, January, 2020.
- 6: Pat handing out hot chocolate and cookies to kids at Tree Lighting, December, 2019.
- 7: The COA van.
- 8: Nutrition Speaker, 2019.
- 9: Wreath Making, October, 2019.
- 10: Santa visits the COA, December, 2019.

Cheshire Council on Aging in Review



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- 11: Mary Zimmer's 91st birthday, 2019.
- 12: Northern Berkshire Ukulele performance, 2018.
- 13: Betty King Quilting/Sewing Classes, 2021.
- 14: Line Dancing, 2019.
- 15: Foot Clinic, 2021.
- 16: Line Dancing, October, 2019.
- 17: Typical Wednesday lunch crowd at COA.
- 18: Valentines Dinner Dance Poster, 2020.
- 19: Make Your Own Shopping Bag Craft Day, November, 2019.
- 20: Santa and Ann Famam, December, 2019.
- 21: Mobile Health Van at the COA for Flu Shots and medical visits, 2019.
- 22: Lunch at the Center February, 2020.



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Special Town Election Warrant - August 13, 2019

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Berkshire SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of CHESHIRE in the County of BERKSHIRE

GREETING.

In the Name of THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at said Cheshire.

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
Tuesday, August 13th, 2019
119 School Street, Cheshire, MA
Cheshire Community / Senior Center
Polls open: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

To elect:

- One Selectmen for a term of two years
- One Selectmen for a term of three years

Non-binding referendum question:

“Shall the Town of Cheshire alter the Memorial Day Parade route and end at the War Memorial adjacent to Town Hall rather than end at the Cheshire Cemetery?”

Yes____ No____

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at 4 places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT,

and make to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 23rd day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen.

Board of Selectmen

Robert S. Ciskowski _____

Mark R. Biagini _____

Jason J. Levesque _____

A true copy. ATTEST

Constable _____

Special Town Election Results - August 13, 2019

529 Ballots Cast

Registered Voters 2,401

Selectmen - 2 Year Term

Michael “Mickey” Biagini Jr.	145
Ronald DeAngelis	267
E. Richard Scholz	103
Blanks	14

Question 1:

Yes	294
No	224
Blanks	11

Selectmen - 3 Year Term

Donna DeFino	107
Michelle Francesconi	407
Blanks	15

Respectfully submitted,
 Christine B. Emerson
 Town Clerk

Special Town Meeting - October 22, 2019

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Berkshire SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of CHESHIRE in the County of BERKSHIRE

GREETING.

In the Name of THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at said Cheshire.

Place: Cheshire Community/Senior Center
119 School St., Cheshire 01225

Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm

Voter check-in to begin at 6:30 pm.

CHESHIRE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Town Stabilization Fund the sum of \$40,000 (forty thousand dollars) for the purpose of providing necessary funds for tuition and transportation to an out of town vocational school, as required by G.L. c. 74 secs. 7C and 8A, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: This article requires a two-thirds vote for approval]

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, per MGL Chapter 44, Section 2, to borrow the sum of \$195,000 (one hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a used road grader and to dispose of a 1986 Dresser Road Grader to the highest responsible bidder, contingent upon subsequent passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion vote, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: This article requires a two-thirds vote for borrowing approval and subsequent majority ballot vote for a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion to be held at a future election.]

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Town Stabilization Fund the sum of \$3,572.08 (three thousand, five hundred seventy-two and 08/100 dollars) for the purpose to pay bills owed from FY 2018 and FY 2019, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: This article requires a four-fifths vote for approval]

Article 4: To do and transact any other business that may properly come before this meeting, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

HEREOF FAIL NOT,

and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this 1st day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand nineteen.

Robert Ciskowski _____

Ronald DeAngelis _____

Jason Levesque _____

Michelle Francesconi _____

Mark Biagini _____

A true copy. ATTEST

Constable _____

Berkshire, ss.

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Cheshire by posting up attested copies of the same at: Cheshire Town Hall, Town Hall Annex, Cheshire Post Office, H.D. Reynolds General Merchandise and the Cheshire Community/Senior Center. _____ days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

Constable of Cheshire _____

Special Election Debt Exclusion - January 7, 2020

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Berkshire SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of CHESHIRE in the County of BERKSHIRE

GREETING.

In the Name of THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at said Cheshire.

SPECIAL ELECTION DEBT EXCLUSION

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Cheshire Community/Senior Center, 119 School Street

Polls open: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

“Shall the Town of Cheshire be allowed to exempt from the provision two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase used road grader?”

Yes _____ No _____

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at 4 places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT,

and make due return of the Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 17th day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen.

Robert Ciskowski _____

Mark Biagini _____

Jason Levesque _____

Michelle Francesconi _____

Ronald DeAngelis _____

Selectmen of Cheshire

A true copy. ATTEST

Constable _____

Berkshire, ss.

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Cheshire by posting up attested copies of the same at: Cheshire Town Hall, Cheshire Town Hall Annex, Cheshire Post Office, Cheshire Police Station, H.D. Reynolds and Cheshire Community/Senior Center. _____ days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

Constable _____

Special Election Debt Exclusion Results - January 7, 2020

Total Votes Cast: 168

Registered Voters 2,425

Question 1:

Yes	95
No	73
Blanks	0

Respectfully submitted,

Christine B. Emerson
Town Clerk

Annual Election Warrant - June 1, 2020

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Berkshire SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of CHESHIRE in the County of BERKSHIRE

GREETING.

In the Name of THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at said Cheshire.

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Monday, June 1, 2020

Community/Senior Center

119 School Street

Polls open: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

To elect the following:

- One Selectmen for a term of three years
- One Assessor for a term of three years
- One Board of Health Member for a term of three years
- One Board of Health Member for a term of one year
- One Water Commissioner for a term of three years
- One Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years
- One Planning Board Member for a term of five years
- One Hoosac Valley Regional School District School Committee Member from Cheshire for a term of three years
- One Hoosac Valley Regional School District School Committee Member from Adams for a term of three years

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in 5 (five) places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding of said election.

HEREOF FAIL NOT,

and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of the election, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 21st day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty.

Robert Ciskowski _____

Mark Biagini _____

Jason Levesque _____

Michelle Francesconi _____

Ronald DeAngelis _____

A true copy. ATTEST

Constable _____

Cheshire Annual Election Results - June 1, 2020

Postponed from May 4th, 2020 due to COVID-19

Total ballots cast: 420

Registered Voters 2,437

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>	Blanks	110
Selectmen:			Planning Board Member:	
	Jason Levesque	370	Write-ins	
	Blanks	50	Ronald DeAngelis	9
			E. Richard Scholz	7
Board of Assessors:			Gary Trudeau	7
	Barbara Astorino	350	Blanks	397
	Blanks	70	Hoosac Valley Regional School District	
Board of Health Member 1 Year Term			School Committee Member from Cheshire:	
	Brian Trudeau	328	Adam Emerson	371
	Blanks	92	Blanks	49
Water Commissioner: 3 Year Term			Hoosac Valley Regional School District	
	Michael Biagini Jr.	195	School Committee Member from Adams:	
	Colin Haas (write-in)	167	Regina Hill	213
	Blanks	58	Erin Milne	140
Cemetery Commissioner:			Blanks	67
	Stephen LaFogg	310		

Respectfully submitted,

Christine B. Emerson
Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting - June 10, 2019

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Berkshire SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of CHESHIRE in the County of BERKSHIRE

GREETING.

In The Name of THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at said Cheshire

Hoosac Valley Middle and High School (Gymnasium)

125 Savoy Road, Cheshire 01225

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

6:30 pm

Voter check-in to begin at 5:30 pm.

CHESHIRE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Town Clerk called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Entertained a motion to elect a Moderator for this meeting.

Motion made to nominate Carol Francesconi;
seconded.

Voice vote taken. **Unanimous.**

Mrs. Francesconi made a statement of disclosure that Michelle Francesconi was her daughter-in-law.

Mrs. Francesconi then read the heading of the warrant for this Annual Town Meeting.

Introduction of the Selectmen, Michelle Francesconi, Mark Bigagini, Ron DeAngelis, Jason Levesque; Town Counsel, Ed St. John III; Town Administrator, Ed St. John IV; Finance Committee, John Tremblay, Denise Gregoire, Kathleen Levesque, Heather Emerson, Lenwood Vaspra; Town Clerk, Christine Emerson.

Article 1. To hear the Annual Report of the Selectmen and the other officers and to act thereon.

Town Administrator gave a presentation of the FY 19-20 accomplishments and future goals for FY 21.

Michelle Francesconi stated that the Annual Report was dedicated to Carol Francesconi, she then presented Mrs. Francesconi with a copy.

A round of applause followed.

Article 2. To see if the Town of Cheshire will vote to raise and appropriate from available funds in the Treasury such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray the ordinary expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, and to pay interest on loans maturing in this year, or take any other action in relation thereto. If federal or state programs, or other alternative funding sources, are available to supplant Town funding for the same purpose, the Board of Selectmen may reduce the Town's portion of said funding in a manner commensurate with the additional federal or state revenue received for said purpose.

This article is the budget for FY21, line items will be read, "set-aside" should be stated for any line item to discuss. The budget will be voted without "set-asides" and the "set-asides" will be discussed individually.

The Budget was read line item by line item. There were five set-asides.

Mrs. Francesconi stated that a vote would be taken to accept the balance of the budget.

Voice vote called. **Unanimous.**

Set-asides:

#1. Special Projects (under the Selectmen).

Mrs. Herzog, Town Treasurer, asked the purpose of this line item. The Town Administrator stated that it was for future projects.

Mrs. Herzog made a motion to zero this line item as there is already a technology line item and seconded.

Voice vote taken. **Unanimous.**

#2. Wire Inspector Expenses and Assistant Wire Inspector Salary.

George Sweet, Wire Inspector asked that the expense line item be increased from \$400 to \$1,300.

Also, that the Assistant Wire Inspector salary be increased to equal the increase that was given to the Assistant Plumbing Inspector.

Discussion: none.

Motion to increase the Wire Inspector's Expense line item from \$400 to \$1,200 made and seconded.

Voice vote taken. **Unanimous.**

Discussion: Assistant Wire Inspector Salary.

Selectmen stated that this was an oversight on their part.

Motion to raise the Assistant Wire Inspector Salary from \$533 to \$556 made and seconded.

Voice vote taken. **Unanimous.**

#3. Veterans' Benefits.

Question as to why the Veterans' Benefits had such a large increase. Town Administrator answered that the amount was increased to ensure that the amount would cover the claims that come for the Town to pay. The Commonwealth does reimburse the Town for a portion of the claims.

Question answered the set-aside was withdrawn.

Motion to accept the Veterans' Benefits as presented made and seconded.

Voice vote taken. **Unanimous.**

#4. Water Department Collector Salary.

Mrs. Herzog stated that this is the only salary that did not receive the percentage raise.

Discussion: none.

Motion to raise the Water Department Collector Salary by \$375 to total \$11,359 and seconded.

Voice vote taken. **Unanimous.**

#5. Hoosac Valley Regional School District Budget, Over Foundation.

Question on the amount for the Over Foundation.

Town Administrator stated that this was the figure for the coming FY.

Motion to accept the Over Foundation Budget figure as presented made and seconded.

Voice vote taken. **Motion carried.**

John Tremblay, Finance Committee, made a motion to move Article 3 and Article 7 to after Article 12, which would allow the amounts in these article to be adjusted, hopefully to avoid a Special Election Override.

Motion made to table Articles 3 until after Article 12 and seconded.

Voice vote taken. **Motion carried.**

Tabled until after Article 12.

Article 3. To see if the Town of Cheshire will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$235,000 (two hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars) to reduce the tax rate, *or take any other action in relation thereto*. If federal or state programs, or other alternative funding sources, are available to supplant Town funding for the same purpose, the Board of Selectmen may reduce the Town’s portion of said funding in a manner commensurate with the additional federal or state revenue received for said purpose.

Article 4. To see if the Town of Cheshire will vote to borrow and appropriate any additional sum or sums of money which will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under any applicable State Aid Highway Programs for construction or improvements to Town roads and bridges as requested by the Selectmen, *or take any other action in relation thereto*.

Motion to accept the article as presented made and seconded.

Discussion: none

Voice vote taken. **Unanimous.**

Article 5: To see if the Town of Cheshire will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$58,000 (fifty-eight thousand dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a new police cruiser, *or take any other action in relation thereto*.

Motion made by Mr. Tremblay to amend the language of the article to replace the 2013 Ford Explorer Interceptor. Motion seconded.

Mrs. Francesconi asked for a motion to accept the amendment.

Motion made to accept the amended language and seconded.

Voice vote taken. **Motion carried.**

Article 5. To see if the Town of Cheshire will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$58,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new police cruiser to replace the 2013 Ford Explorer Interceptor *or take any other action in relation thereto*.

Discussion: The Police Department is using a three year plan for replacement of vehicles.

Motion to accept the article as amended made and seconded.

Voice vote taken. **Motion carried.**

Article 6: To see if the Town of Cheshire will vote to transfer and appropriate from available funds appropriated within the Stabilization Fund from the June 10, 2019 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$60,000 (sixty thousand dollars), originally voted approved for the purpose of providing heating maintenance to the former Cheshire Elementary School to be repurposed for the use of procuring design services for the renovation/construction of a community center/Town Hall and construction of a public safety complex to be located at 191 Church Street, *or take any other action in relation thereto*.

Mr. Tremblay made a motion to change the language on this article to read:

To see if the Town of Cheshire will vote to transfer and appropriate from available funds appropriated within the Stabilization Fund from the June 10, 2019 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$60,000 (sixty thousand dollars) originally voted and approved for the purpose of providing heating maintenance to the former Cheshire Elementary School to be repurposed (omitting for the use of) (adding the word toward) procuring design services for the renovation/construction of a community center/town hall and construction of a public safety complex to be located at 191 Church Street (adding this appropriation is put forth with the understanding that the Select Board will appoint a Town Complex Planning Committee to include no fewer than seven members within sixty days of this article’s approval and ensure that Grant Funding through the USDA Community Facilities Program, and other available public funding sources will be pursued for this project and any that may follow.

Motion for the amendment made and seconded.

Discussion: What will happen to the other Town buildings when this complex is completed? Answer that the Town Hall especially will be repurposed for the Library and meeting rooms.

Mrs. Francesconi asked for a motion to accept the amendment.

Motion made and seconded.

Voice vote taken. **Motion carried.**

Article 6. To see if the Town of Cheshire will vote to transfer and appropriate from available funds appropriated within the Stabilization Fund from the June 10, 2019 Annual Town Meeting the sum of \$50,000 originally voted approved for the purpose of providing heating maintenance for the former Cheshire Elementary School to be repurposed toward procuring design services for the renovation/construction of a community center/town hall and construction of a public safety complex to be located at 191 Church Street, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion to accept the article as amended made and seconded.

2/3 Vote required.

Card vote taken. YES 80 NO 2 Passed.

Motion to able Article 7 until after Article 12 made and seconded.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Article 7: To see if the Town of Cheshire will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$201,573 (two hundred one thousand, five hundred and seventy-three dollars) for the purpose of transferring into the Stabilization account, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Article 8: To see if the Town of Cheshire will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) for the purpose of purchasing two used pick-up trucks for use in building/property maintenance and within the Highway Department, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion to accept the article as presented made and seconded.

Discussion: none

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Article 9: To see if the Town of Cheshire will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$60,000 (sixty thousand dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a new tractor and attachments for use within the Highway Department, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion to accept the article as presented made and seconded.

Discussion: This tractor was a shared purpose between the Cemetery and Highway.

The tractor will still be available for the use of the Cemetery. The tractor will be kept at the highway complex.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Article 10: To see if the Town of Cheshire will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) for the purpose of procuring actuarial services for the study of establishing a benchmark for other post-employment benefits (OPEB), *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion made to accept the article as presented and seconded.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Article 11: To see if the Town of Cheshire will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$5,096 (five thousand and ninety-six dollars) for the purpose of paying outstanding bills from Fiscal Year 20, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion to amend the amount from \$5,096 to \$5,252.42 and seconded.

Discussion: Adjustment to dollar amount.

Motion to accept the amended amount in the article made and seconded.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Article 11. To see if the Town of Cheshire will vote to appropriate from certified free cash the sum of \$5,252.42 for the purpose of paying outstanding bills from Fiscal Year 20 *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion to accept the article as amended made and seconded.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Article 12: To see if the Town of Cheshire will vote to authorize the Treasurer, per MGL Chapter 44, Section 2, to borrow the sum of an amount not to exceed \$130,000 (one hundred and thirty thousand dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a new Ford F-550 or other similar truck for use within the Highway Department and to dispose of a 2011 Ford F-550 Truck to the highest responsible bidder, contingent upon subsequent passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion vote, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

[NOTE: *This article requires a two-thirds vote for borrowing approval and subsequent majority ballot vote for a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion to be held at a future election.]*

Motion to amend the article to add plow and sanding equipment made and seconded.

Motion for second amendment remove to dispose of 2011 Ford F-550 to the highest responsible bidder made and seconded.

Discussion.

Motion to accept the first amendment to the article made and seconded.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the second amendment to the article made and seconded.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Article 12. To see if the will vote to authorize the Treasurer per MGL, Chapter 44, Section 2, to borrow the sum of an amount not to exceed \$120,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new Ford 550 or other similar truck with plow and sanding equipment for

3. Interest. Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this act shall be credited to the General Fund.
4. Procedures and Reports. Except as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, c. 44, section 53E½ and this act, the laws, bylaws, rules, regulations, policies or procedures that govern the receipt and custody of Town monies and the expenditure and payment of Town funds shall apply to the use of a revolving fund established and authorized by this act. The Town Accountant shall include a statement on the collections credited to each fund, the encumbrances and expenditures charged to the fund and the balance available for the expenditure in the regular report the Town Accountant provides the department, board, committee, agency, or officer on appropriations made for its use.
5. Authorized Revolving Funds. The table below establishes:
 - a. Each revolving fund authorized for use by a Town Department, board, committee, agency, or officer;
 - b. The department or agency head, board, committee or officer authorized to spend from each fund;
 - c. The fees, charges, and other monies charged and received by the department, board, committee, agency, or officer in connection with the program or activity for which the fund is established that shall be credited to each fund by the Town Accountant;
 - d. The expenses of the program or activity for which each fund may be used;
 - e. Any restrictions or conditions on expenditures from each fund;
 - f. Any reporting or other requirements that apply to each fund; and
 - g. The fiscal years each fund shall operate under this act.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to Spend from Fund	Fees, Charges, or Other Receipts Credited to Fund	Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	Restrictions/ Conditions on Expenses Payable from Fund	Other Requirements/ Reports	Fiscal Years
Repair/ Maintain Roads	Highway Dept. under direction of Town Admin. & BOS	Monies received from Town Meeting appropriation	Expenses associated with continuing to perform major repairs on Town Roads	None	None	FY21 and subsequent years
Curbing & Culverts	Highway Dept. under direction of Town Admin. & BOS	Monies received from Town Meeting appropriation	Expenses associated with continuing to perform major repairs on Town curbing and culverts	None	None	FY21 and subsequent years
Guard Rails	Highway Dept. under direction of Town Admin.& BOS	Monies received from Town Meeting appropriation	Expenses associated with continuing to perform major repairs on Town guard rails	None	None	FY21 and subsequent years
Blacktop Account	Highway Dept. under direction of Town Admin.& BOS	Monies received from Town Meeting appropriation	Expenses associated with continuing to perform preventive main. on Town roads	None	None	FY21 and subsequent years
Engineering Services	Highway Dept. under direction of Town Admin.& BOS	Monies received from Town Meeting appropriation	Expenses associated with engineering services to be ready for grants/projects	None	None	FY21 and subsequent years
Gift Account/ COA General Expenses	Council on Aging Coord. under direction of Town Admin.& BOS	Monies received as donations to the Council on Aging	Expenses associated with Senior Services/COA trips events, and programs	None	None	FY21 and subsequent years

[NOTE: This article establishes a by-law for various revolving funds in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Modernization Act of 2016. This allows the funds to remain authorized, unless revoked via a bylaw change, and only the spending limits will need to be voted by Town Meeting annually from this point forward.]

Motion to amend by striking all but Council on Aging Gift Account/General Expenses made and seconded.

Discussion: After discussion with Department of Revenue the only account to remain is the COA.

Voice vote taken. **Motion carried.**

Motion to amend the article to strike all but the Council on Aging Account made and seconded.

Voice vote take. **Motion carried.**

Article 16: To see if the Town of Cheshire will vote to authorize the total expenditures for the following revolving funds, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws c. 44, section 53E½ for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, to be expended in accordance with the act previously approved, and as consistent with the budget as previously accepted, or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Revolving Fund	Annual Spending Limit
Repair/Maintain Roads	\$ 120,000
Curbing & Culverts	15,000
Guard Rails	12,000
Blacktop Account	60,000
Engineering Services	15,000
Gift Account	\$ 8,470

[NOTE: This article authorizes the annual spending limits for each of the Revolving Funds identified above. Spending from these funds may only occur for the stated purposes identified in the Town's Revolving Fund by-law, and only with the approval of the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen.]

Motion to amend the article to strike Repair/Maintain Roads, Blacktop Account and Engineering; Curbing & Culverts, Guardrails; then only Gift Account would remain.

Discussion: none

Motion to amend the article made and seconded.

Voice vote taken. **Motion carried.**

Motion to accept the article as amended made and seconded.

Voice vote taken. **Motion carried.**

Article 17: To see if the Town of Cheshire will vote to amend its zoning by-laws by accepting changes to existing zoning by-laws concerning cannabis/marijuana as follows, or to take any other action in relation thereto:

Marijuana Establishment Water Usage Bylaw

All water usage by a marijuana establishment shall be metered and a written water use report shall be filed by the marijuana establishment on a yearly basis to the Town of Cheshire Board of Selectmen. This report shall include all monthly usage in gallons for the whole year. This report shall be filed before February 1 for the water use of the prior year. The marijuana establishment owners must report all current year water usage to any town official upon receiving a request for water use information. Any ambiguity in this bylaw will defer to the intent of this bylaw.

[NOTE: This article comes by way of a citizen's petition and requires a 2/3 majority vote in the affirmative to pass.]

Motion to accept the article as presented made by Gary Trudeau and seconded.

Discussion: Lengthy debate.

Town Counsel stated that this article requires a 2/3 vote and would be submitted to the Attorney General for acceptance and is doubtful it would be accepted as procedure to the Planning board was incomplete.

Card vote taken. YES 37 NO 48 Failed.

Article 18: To see if the Town of Cheshire will vote to amend its zoning by-laws by accepting changes to existing zoning by-laws concerning cannabis/marijuana as follows, or to take any other action in relation thereto:

Marijuana Zoning Bylaws

8.7 (d) (2) the total # of non-retail MEs shall not exceed one (1)

(c) Designated Locations for MEs and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers.

(1) Marijuana Cultivation Facilities may be sited within the Marijuana Overlay District

(Figures 1a and 1b below and Agricultural Residential (A-R) zone district. Marijuana Cultivation Facilities shall be on parcels at least 5 acres in size, upon the approval of a Special Permit and Site Plan, as per Section 10 of the Zoning Bylaw and the Town of Cheshire Special Permit Rules & Regulations.

37. Marijuana cultivation facilities (see Section 8.7)

Zoning Districts

- R-1, no
- A-R, SPP
- B, SPP
- LI, SPP

38. Marijuana establishments for retailers, manufacturers, testing laboratories, research facilities, micro-businesses, craft cooperatives and all other types of licensed marijuana facilities, including Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (See Section 8.7)

Zoning Districts

- R-1, no
- A-R, no
- B, SPP
- LI, SPP

[NOTE: This article comes by way of a citizen's petition and requires a 2/3 majority vote in the affirmative to pass.]

(Town Administrator stated that the text for the Buffer Zone had been omitted from the Meeting handout)
(Text will be inserted into the minutes).

Motion to amend the article to read Marijuana Buffer Zone made by Gary Trudeau author of the voter petition article and seconded.

Discussion: Lengthy.

2/3 vote required.

Card vote taken. YES 35 NO 40 Failed.

Article 19: To see if the Town of Cheshire will vote to amend its zoning by-laws by accepting changes to existing zoning by-laws concerning cannabis/marijuana as follows, *or to take any other action in relation thereto:*

Marijuana Definitions Additions

Addition to § [8. 7] (b)

A marijuana facility is considered all buildings, fences, cannabis plants and any other related items.

[NOTE: *This article comes by way of a citizen’s petition and requires a 2/3 majority vote in the affirmative to pass.*]

Motion to withdraw this article made by Gary Trudeau author of this article.

Motion to withdraw Article 19 made and seconded.

Discussion: none

Vice vote taken. Motion carried.

Article 20: To see if the Town of Cheshire will vote to amend its zoning by-laws by accepting changes to existing zoning by-laws concerning cannabis/marijuana as follows, *or to take any other action in relation thereto:*

Marijuana Odor Control

The Town of Cheshire shall require 24 hour a day odor control from all marijuana establishments and medical marijuana treatment centers. The odor control must mitigate all associated odors and be in effect while cannabis is being grown or processed. In the event that the zoning enforcement officer or other town officials, determines that odor mitigation is not 100% effective or in good working condition there will be a \$1,000.00 per day fine assessed until the marijuana establishment or medical marijuana treatment center can mitigate all associated odors. If the marijuana establishment or medical marijuana treatment center does not control all odors within 30 days of being notified by any town official, the town will revoke all permits to operate and rescind the host community agreement.

All fines will be paid to the Town of Cheshire within 30 days from being assessed or all permits will automatically be revoked and host community agreements will be rescinded. Any ambiguity in this bylaw will defer to the intent of this bylaw.

[NOTE: *This article comes by way of a citizen’s petition and requires a 2/3 majority vote in the affirmative to*

Motion to accept the article as presented made and seconded.

Discussion. Lengthy.

2/3 vote required.

Card vote taken. YES 35 NO 47 Failed.

Article 21: To see if the Town of Cheshire will vote to amend its zoning by-laws by accepting changes to existing zoning by-laws concerning cannabis/marijuana as follows, *or to take any other action in relation thereto:*

Marijuana Cultivation

- 1. It is the intent of this petition to have the planning board amend the existing Cheshire Marijuana bylaw related to cannabis/marijuana to reduce the adverse conditions that cultivating marijuana creates through enacting regulations including without limitation, restrictions to any cultivation, remove any permissive language allowing outdoor cultivation, to prohibit outdoor cultivation in order to preserve the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Cheshire. Any ambiguity in the amended bylaw should be construed in whatever manner best effectuates this intent, erring on the side of outdoor cultivation being explicitly prohibited.

Purpose

- 1. The cultivation of marijuana outdoors, where it is often readily observable by neighbors and the general public, increases the risk of trespassing, burglary, and acts of violence in connection with the commission of such crimes or the occupants’ attempts to prevent such crimes. Outdoor cultivation further makes the premises more prone to act as an attractive nuisance for children, and increases the likelihood of offensive odors traveling off the premises. Outdoor cultivation of marijuana is often associated with violations of local, state, and federal environmental laws and pesticide regulations, threatening to harm local waterways, degradation of the natural environment and ground water quality, and endangering to the public health and safety. The strong distinctive malodorous marijuana plant creates an attractive nuisance, alerting persons to the location of the valuable plans, and has resulted in burglary, robbery and armed robbery. The strong and distinctive odor of marijuana plants creates a need to ensure that smells that disrupt the use of adjacent properties are minimized.
- 2. Unregulated cultivation of marijuana both indoors and outdoors in the town of Cheshire can adversely affect the health, safety, and well being of the town, its residents, and the environment. Prohibiting the outdoor cultivation of cannabis/marijuana is proper and necessary to avoid the aforementioned harms, and to preserve public peace, protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and businesses within the town of Cheshire. By creating new language and amending the existing language to the current Marijuana by law the planning board will help to prevent complaints of odor, crime and pollution threatened by the outdoor cultivation of Marijuana. Zoning laws should state that indoor cultivation shall not occur in any zone that includes residential. Outdoor cultivation shall be prohibited.

[NOTE: *This article comes by way of a citizen’s petition and requires a 2/3 majority vote in the affirmative to pass.*]

Motion to accept the article as presented made by Gary Trudeau seconded from the floor.

Discussion: Asking the Planning Board to amend the current Marijuana By-law.

2/3 vote required.

Card vote taken. YES 23 NO 49 Failed.

Article 22: To see if the Town will authorize the transfer from the Water Department surplus account the sum of \$259,751.00 (two hundred fifty-nine thousand and seven hundred fifty-one dollars) for the purpose to pay for the water main replacement project in and around Arnold Court, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion to accept the article as presented made and seconded.

Discussion: none

Voice vote taken. **Motion carried.**

Article 23: To do and transact any other business that may properly come before this meeting, *or take any other action in relation thereto.*

Motion to dissolve this meeting made by Michelle Francesconi and seconded by Heather Emerson.

Voice vote taken. **Unanimous.**

Meeting dissolved at 9:48 PM.

ATTEST: True Copy

Christine B. Emerson
Cheshire Town Clerk

***** Bites *****

The quorum for this Annual Town Meeting was reduced to 25 from 50 by vote of three to two by the Board of Selectmen on August 27, 2020 under the Emergency House Bill 4777. The Attorney General's Office was notified of the reduction in the quorum for the Annual Town Meeting.

Our gratitude to Carol Francesconi for Moderating this Annual Town Meeting. Mrs. Francesconi did a marvelous job for her first experience of moderating.

Also, thank you to Chief Garner and Officer Tarjick for counting the many card votes of the evening.

The COVID-19 protocols made the planning for the Annual Meeting intensive. Being at the High School was a totally new experience for all of us. The Meeting was done extremely well.

Thank you Andy Kachel for bringing the Shield Guards, boxes to and from the High School and for setting up the tables for the Voter Check-in.

**ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
HOOSAC VALLEY
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHESHIRE, MA 01225**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020**

Report of the Chairman Hoosac Valley Regional School District

Michael Mucci, Chairman	(Adams)
Adam Emerson, Vice-Chairman	(Cheshire)
Regina Hill	(Adams)
Bethany DeMarco	(Cheshire)
Martin Bush	(Adams)
Nannette Reid	(Adams)

This school year was unlike anything our District or this Nation has seen in generations. We began by closing our school buildings in the spring of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and quickly transitioned to fully remote learning. Over the summer, we planned and transitioned into Hybrid Learning, where depending upon grade level, students were in the building on average 2 days per week. We were able to provide full remote learning options for families that decided that they were not yet ready to send their children back into the buildings. We eventually came full circle as we reopened our buildings to full time in class learning for all students choosing to do so in the Spring of 2021. Those that opted to stay fully remote were still provided that educational opportunity.

This full circle of starting with no in-person classes and getting back to in-person classes presented challenges on all fronts whether being a school committee member, administrator, teacher, classroom aide, cafeteria staff, custodian, nurse, parent or, the most critical piece of this puzzle, the student.

The administration and teachers helped redefine education by embracing technology while still trying to maintain that personal connection with the students. It is through their relentless efforts, that we were able to still provide a meaningful and beneficial education.

The District's ability to write grant applications, navigate the complex funding sources of grants and the ability to follow their strict guidelines allowed us to make some great strides, including the purchase of hardware and software so that all children were provided an equitable avenue to their curriculum.

To paraphrase from our return to in-person instruction plan, many of these guiding principles held true throughout the past year:

- Safety: Data, medicine & science will guide decision making and operation planning.
- Education: Students, staff and families will be continually updated with current information.
- Equity: Ensure that every student receives what is needed to be successful.
- Learning: Move forward with the curriculum and work to increase student engagement.
- Remote Access & Delivery: Maintain remote learning using one platform and log-in.
- Timeline: Plan a staged approach to reopening the schools so that all students, staff, and families have a very clear understanding and commitment to all health protocols.
- Social/Emotional: Recognize and attempt to mitigate the trauma of all the changes.
- Communication: Committed to transparency and respect using health and safety as our guide.

I would like to personally thank everyone that worked with us through all the changes. The input from the parents that came from multiple ideologies regarding the impact of COVID-19 on schooling was an important part of the decision-making process. The School Committee has oversight of and responsibility for the school system, but our collective decision-making process should be an extension of our communities wants and needs. Together we can make a difference, together we can navigate these uncertain times.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Mucci
Chairman, School Committee
Hoosac Valley Regional School District

Report of the Superintendent

FY 2021 Adams Town Report

Dear Community Members,

In August 2019, the Hoosac Valley School Committee selected me as the next superintendent of Hoosac Valley Regional School District. Upon entry I drafted an Entry Plan, including pre-entry activities, focusing on an intentional and inclusive process for my transition into the HVRSD. Being a member of the community, a graduate of the district, and previously a teacher in the district for 14 years, I definitely had strong contextual knowledge of the Hoosac Valley Regional School District prior to assuming the role of Superintendent on September 4, 2019. Nonetheless, it seemed both prudent and necessary to fully engage an entry plan.

The purpose of the entry plan was to structure and define my effort to become better acquainted with the most central elements of the Hoosac Valley Regional School District, most notably all aspects of the student and family experience and community partnerships. The focus of my entry involved hitting the ground learning and running.

The goals of the entry plan were as follows:

1. To further determine strengths, challenges, and goals in our schools
2. To gain deeper insight into the student experience
3. To examine relationships between schools with families and with the broader community
4. To become familiar with current policies, protocols, and norms
5. To identify data to inform a long-range strategic plan

In the initial months of my tenure, I conducted multiple visits to each school. During these visits, I talked with students and teachers, viewed instruction, analyzed student data, assessed facilities, and evaluated resources. I also worked with principals to set rigorous goals for themselves, their teachers and their students. Apart from these visits, I instituted bi-weekly meetings with principals with focuses on teaching and learning and operations, using these workgroup meetings to bring a focus to data collection, the budget process, and bringing consistency of practice throughout the district.

As you know, this work came to a screeching halt last March as COVID-19 interrupted our lives. While we have been working to sustain programming for the short term, we have maintained an eye on our long term goals and needs as a district. The administrative team has developed a district improvement plan and aligned school improvement plans aimed at promoting a positive culture and academic achievement for all students. In addition, we continue to work on the development of pathways with our high school programming through the expansion of our *Project Lead the Way* health sciences concentration, the addition of a career center and electives such as Timberframing and Outdoor Leadership, and the expansion of dual enrollment opportunities in partnership with MCLA. Additionally, we are working to expand after school programming and summer opportunities at the elementary and middle schools.

While the pandemic has hindered my efforts to collect a wide range of “count, see and hear data,” we have still managed to lay the groundwork for future improvements. I have adopted the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s (DESE’s) District Standards and Indicators as an organizational framework for this report. The framework defines six standards of effective school district policy and practice, which, if implemented well, are likely to lead to improved student performance, opportunities, and outcomes. Below I will outline some key initiatives we have implemented in each of the defined areas.

Leadership and Governance

School committee members and district and school leaders work collaboratively and strategically to improve all students’ performance, opportunities, and outcomes. They establish, implement, and evaluate policies, procedures, systems, and budgets with a primary focus on achieving district-wide improvement goals, in part through equitable and effective use of resources.

- The school committee has adopted aligned school and district improvement plans with targeted strategic objectives that focus on 4 key areas aligned with Standards Outlined in Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Evaluation Rubrics:
 1. Curriculum, Planning, and Assessment
 2. Teaching All Students
 3. Family and Community Engagement
 4. Professional Culture
- The policy subcommittee has begun the work of evaluating district handbooks, code of conduct, and curriculum and potential areas of policy to address in order to provide an equitable and high quality experience.
- The school committee has incorporated the use of data in academic and social emotional areas for the purposes of driving decisions with budget and policies.

Assessment

The district establishes and supports a culture that values the use of data in improving teaching, learning, and decision-making. District and school leaders ensure that systems are in place for the efficient and purposeful collection, use, and sharing of data from a variety of assessments to guide decision making at the district, school and classroom levels and to improve all students’ performance, opportunities, and outcomes.

- HVRSD collects and intentionally uses data to inform decision making academically and social emotionally. Data is analyzed and utilized for decision making on the district level, school level, classroom level and individual student level.
 - Each school has an instructional leadership team that is tasked with analysis of school wide data.
 - Benchmark data is analyzed by all core teachers following benchmarks and adjustments are made to groupings and interventions based on this data.

- HVRSD performs academic benchmark testing in the areas of ELA and Math 3 times per year. This data is triangulated with MCAS results (when available) to create a full picture of academic strengths and challenges. Students who are identified for intervention are progress monitored between benchmark periods to explicitly track growth.
- HVRSD utilizes social emotional survey data and a Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener (SAEBRS) to assess student skills with the 5 social emotional competencies: Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Social Awareness, Relationship Skills, and Responsible Decision-Making.
- Training has been provided to all educator teams on the effective use of formative assessment data to monitor student progress and understanding of content. As such, common planning time is utilized by staff for analyzing student work.
- HVRSD maintains partnerships with the following organizations as a means of supporting our students and families:
 - Northern Berkshire Community Coalition
 - Department of Children and Families
 - United Cerebral Palsy and Pediatric Development Center
 - Childcare of the Berkshires
 - Regional Meetings (early childhood, foster care and homeless, Title III (English Learner consortium))
 - Multicultural Bridge
 - Anti Defamation League
 - MassHire
 - Massachusetts Rehab Commission
 - Berkshire Family and Individual Resources
 - Northern Berkshire Juvenile Court
 - The Family Center and The Family Place
 - Multicultural Bridge
 - Northern Berkshire United Way

Human Resources and Professional Development

The district strategically designs, implements and oversees human resource and inclusive professional development efforts in a way that supports an aligned human capital management system and results in the employment, development and retention of effective educators who are successful in advancing all students' performance, opportunities, and outcomes.

- HVRSD is currently engaged with the following Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) sponsored academies to provide high quality professional development and resources:
 - Math Academy - HVMS
 - Early Literacy Grant - HVES
 - PBIS Academy - HVHS
 - UDL - District wide
- HVRSD has a comprehensive professional development plan that provides high quality professional development in the development of high leverage teaching practices. The plan includes job embedded professional development such as classroom walkthroughs and coaching, as well as session work in areas such as curriculum development and inclusive teaching practices.

Student Support

The district ensures that schools equitably support all students' safety, well-being, and sense of belonging; systematically identify and address students' needs; and engage families and community partners to improve all students' performance, opportunities, and outcomes. The district assesses the programs and practices used across schools to ensure that students experience educational continuity and are well supported through school transitions.

- HVRSD is working to develop Multi Tiered Systems of Support both academically and behaviorally, so that students are provided with early interventions as concerns arise. Each building has a referral process and a system for response to intervention to initiate and evaluate interventions for students. Building based teams.

Financial and Asset Management

District leaders manage the equitable allocation and effective use of funding and other resources to improve all students' performance, opportunities, and outcomes, support the district's improvement plan, and secure community support.

Upon my entry in September of 2019, the district was cited as requiring assistance for data collection practices. Close attention to detail has been required for the district to begin to clean up our data. For many years, our data reporting efforts have occurred in isolation without those compiling the data understanding the full rationale for or impact from the data collected. As a data work group has formed, the importance of the data and its impact on children, schools and resources has been highlighted. We have thus begun to implement practices and protocols which will clean the data, allowing for more transparency in reporting and opportunity for funding.

Hoosac Valley Regional is a district with great possibility. However, a review of data and documents supports that the district also faces substantial challenges. The lower-than-state average school spending, per pupil expenditures, and teacher salaries, combined with a large percentage of high needs and high poverty students, leaves the district with substantial hurdles. The annual appropriation for the Hoosac Valley Regional School District is largely based on available state and local revenues, as determined by the town officials. District Profiles & Comparisons (based on latest data available at <https://profiles.doe.mass.edu/>) are as follows:

- Net school spending 111% requirement vs. state average 141.5%. (FY 2020)
- Total expenditure per pupil \$14,946 vs. state average \$15,956 (FY 2020)
- Student/teacher ratio 12.8 to 1 vs. state average 12.6 to 1 (FY 2020)
- Students with disabilities 24.2 % total enrollment vs. state average 18.4%(FY 2020)
- Economically disadvantaged population 51.1 % vs. state average 32.8% (FY 2020)

As the district is challenged with resources, we are very reliant on grants and donations to move important initiatives forward. This past school year, we were able to access grant funds and donations for a total of \$850,732, which provided us with a number of opportunities to replace technology, begin the curriculum replacement cycles, address COVID needs, and address facility needs.

Based on our latest financial audit, the district is on solid footing with financial tracking, forecasting, and controls for properly managing the budget. There is appropriate oversight of staffing and budget allocations to assure expenditures are allocated to the proper funding source. We continue to tweak business office practices to create efficiencies and to ensure that business office procedures are clearly understood and consistently followed.

Closing Thoughts

The district will face considerable challenges in the coming years as we deal with the continued impact of a decline in foundation enrollment, we work to develop consistency in our programming, we work to respond to the challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we work to find our identity on the secondary level. As we plan for future years, the district will need to allocate resources to further develop our Multi Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). We have established pockets of excellence, but need to continue building consistent programming for all need levels district wide. In addition, over the next couple of years we will need to strategically utilize resources for remedial services to address learning loss that occurred during the pandemic in the short term.

With multiple options for schooling at the secondary level, it is important that we continue to develop high quality programming that provides our students with unique opportunities. Data has indicated a need for programming that addresses pathways to medical sciences, human services, and liberal arts. In response, the high school has continued to provide a robust offering of Advanced Placement Courses, added a Biomedical pathway with PLTW (*Project Lead the Way*) programming, created a Career Center for students to explore job opportunities through internships, and expanded dual enrollment opportunities with MCLA. In addition, staff has worked to provide high quality electives in the arts, STEM (Science Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), and technical arts with our timber framing program.

This past school year, we were able to take advantage of a number of resources through federal stimulus funds to address COVID-19 needs, including:

- the purchase of PPE and sanitizing equipment necessary for daily operations
- the purchase of 600 chromebook laptops needed for remote learning
- the purchase of 100 Verizon Jetpacks to provide internet access to families in need
- the purchase of software such as Zoom and Schoology that was necessary for providing instruction remotely
- professional development opportunities for staff to address teaching and learning on new platforms
- an assessment of our HVAC systems in both buildings which included the creation of a maintenance plan moving forward
- the purchase of updated materials for English Language Arts at all levels
- the creation of remote learning centers to assist families with remote learning challenges

Over the next few years grant funding will be available to help us address our needs, but we need to utilize these resources in a manner that promotes sustainability of our programs in the long term. This will require targeted short term and long term plans that address instructional needs, operational needs, and promote equity. As the leader of this district, I am committed to making sure we take the steps necessary to continually improve our district and provide for the needs of all our students. Moreover, I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the very community in which I was raised and schooled. Thank you for your continued support of our schools!

Sincerely,

Aaron M. Dean
Superintendent
Hoosac Valley Regional School District

Hoosac Valley High School

WE BELIEVE IN YOU!

Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Diversity, and Empathy (Hoosac P.R.I.D.E.) have been at the forefront of our efforts at the high school for two years now. At the start of the 2020-2021 school year, our third year, it was vitally important to review these tenets with our students. With the ongoing efforts to maintain a sound educational system during COVID-19, we realized that social-emotional teaching and learning would be our guide in delivering these principles to our #hvhsfamily!

During these unprecedented times there have been natural feelings of anxiety and even waves of uncertainty as we embarked on the 2020-2021 school year at Hoosac Valley High School. We continue to strive for P.R.I.D.E. as we work to make the best of this situation and to engage in as many “normal” daily activities as possible. We were excited to seize new opportunities with our students, staff, and families this school year and beyond, and we have been focusing on our commitment to create a safe, supportive learning environment for ALL in our school.

We celebrated many new beginnings as we welcomed folks back (remotely), starting on September 15, 2020. We greeted new faces at HVHS and familiar faces changing positions; Ms. Brenda Burbank joined our administrative team as the Dean of Students. Miss Jacquelynn Varney was hired as a Math teacher for the high school; Ms. Molly Meczywor went back into the classroom to teach English, and Mr. Jerome Vinette joined the ELA department as well. Mr. Darren Bradley joined us from Wahconah as our new Cornerstone teacher, and Mr. Jeff Horton stepped in as a long-term substitute with our team of inclusion teachers. In order to expand our remote learning platform, Mrs. Driscoll became one of our Learning Lab teachers, and Ms. Karylee Doubiago joined us as a long-term substitute in our technology/computer lab. Mr. Mike Matera joined us as a Health and Wellness teacher, AND he has been heading up Athletics with Ms. Meczywor as Co-Athletic Director for HVHS. Ms. Nitsche joined our paraprofessional team along with Kim Dragon and Jacob Keplinger.

Our days start at 7:30 a.m. with Period 1 this year, and in order to create a safe and equitable schedule during this pandemic, we have been running a 6-Period day with 10-minute passing times that ensure mask breaks and physical distancing. In addition to the focus on engaging educational activities and an increase in academic rigor - regardless of remote or in-person instruction - we are pleased to have introduced a new program: **Advisories**. The objective of the program is to promote and grow meaningful relationships between staff and students, while providing social-emotional and academic support to students. We have been using the CharacterStrong platform throughout the year. Each student was placed in an Advisory and has remained with that teacher for the duration of the year. To maintain continuity, the bell schedule has been followed by ALL students regardless of remote or hybrid status.

Once again this year, we have been lucky enough to be able to offer **free** breakfast and lunch to all students, and students are still welcome to purchase items from the cafeteria in addition to what’s being served on any particular day.

Most of our school’s policies and procedures for this year were sent out in our COVID-19 Addendum and in our revised Student Handbook. As always an electronic version of the handbook is available on the school’s website under the Parents and Students tab at hoosacvalley.org.

Meet Hoosac Valley High School (formerly Meet the Teacher) was held virtually in early September. Student Picture Day went off without a hitch in late October, and our fabulous advisors planned an Interscholastic Clubs and Organizations virtual “shopping day” and tour for our students. **GRADE 8** students were engaged in a virtual orientation with the LINK CREW (HS mentors) on September 14, as an introduction to the school year and their assigned mentors, AND we planned a book distribution week for students in grades 8-12 the week of September 14.

Even during these unprecedented times our focus has been to promote the learning and growth of all students by providing high-quality and coherent instruction, designing and administering authentic and meaningful student assessments, analyzing student performance and growth data, using this data to improve instruction, providing students with constructive feedback on an ongoing basis, and continuously refining learning objectives. Our goal is to establish high expectations, while creating a safe and effective classroom environment. We also know that the growth of our students relies on effective partnerships with families, caregivers, community members, and organizations.

The Instructional Leadership Team continues to work diligently on the standards of the School Improvement Plan, which include classroom walkthroughs and observations, opportunities for collaborative time with colleagues, building in family and community outreach, offering English and Math interventions for students (who might be struggling with the curriculum), strengthening our inclusive practices and support services by offering co-teaching opportunities among inclusion teachers and regular education teachers, scheduling faculty meeting time with the Director of Special Services, and becoming more inclusive with our professional development. **THIS YEAR** we have had the ability to include academic coaches to our roster; they have been instrumental in helping create curricula, help to revise assessments and rubrics, and most importantly to assess multi-tiered systems of support for our students.

WHAT WE ARE OFFERING AND MAINTAINING DURING COVID-19 AT HVHS:

LINK CREW:

Hoosac Valley initiated the LINK Crew program: a high-school transition program that welcomes new students and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience. Our data continues to show that members of our grade 8 class struggle in forming positive peer-to-peer and peer-to-staff relationships. To this end, HVHS paired each 8th grader with a junior or senior, who was trained this past summer. During the first few days of school, LINK Crew developed and implemented the Grade 8 Orientation, which included strategies for success, experiential learning, hands-on projects, and positive reinforcement. Throughout this school year, the LINK Crew organized and held activities involving Grade 8 students and their families to further build the relationships needed for a successful first year (socially distanced or REMOTE).

World of Difference:

In an effort to continue to promote positive school climate and address issues of diversity, offensive language, and negative peer-to-peer relationships, Hoosac Valley High School paired with the Anti-Defamation League, the Jewish Federation of the Berkshires, former Superintendent William Ballen, and the Berkshire United Way to bring the World of Difference back to HVHS. Ultimately the World of Difference “recognizes that attitudes and beliefs affect actions and that each member of society can have an impact on others and ultimately on the world in which we live.” Students have been meeting virtually.

HVHS Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Marching Band:

The High School Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, and Marching Band have been on a bit of a “pause” since March of 2020; however, they are getting creative in their approach to this new way of teaching and learning. Mr. Keplinger has been busy organizing online “concerts” and music arrangements as a way to engage these young musicians. You might not be able to see them perform “live” this year, but you can certainly check out their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Hoosac-Valley-Bands-228372486553>

Student Council:

Student Council members promote leadership and citizenship, act as role models to encourage all students to strive for their highest potential, promote school spirit and pride, respect all citizens and groups in our community, and raise money to fund future service activities in the school community. Students must complete a minimum of 20-hours of service each year (10 during COVID, and most of these hours are done virtually). They participate in multiple activities:

- Weekly meetings via Zoom
 - Discuss school policies and procedures
- Organize and run school election of class officers
- Elect and organize class elections (virtually)
- Provide annual scholarships for graduating members

Leo Club:

The Hoosac Valley Leo Club works in conjunction with the Adams Lions Club to encourage students to become life-long volunteers. The goal is to present volunteer opportunities to students that will help them see the benefits and rewards of volunteering. During COVID, the club is meeting with its advisor, Melissa Charron, and they were able to work on community events such as Create-A-Dream (we buy, wrap, box and deliver Christmas presents to children in Northern Berkshire County).

National Honor Society:

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation’s premier organization established to recognize outstanding high-school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to recognize students who embody the four main purposes that have guided chapters of NHS from the beginning: to create enthusiasm for scholarship; to stimulate a desire to render service; to promote leadership; and to develop character in the students of secondary schools. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service. This year, about 30 students were inducted into this national society; their event was held in two different cohorts so that students and one family member could be present to receive the stole and certificate.

Tutoring Center:

The tutoring center has been up and running for several years and continues to support students in their academic growth. A licensed math teacher supervises the room, while students from the National Honor Society work one-on-one with their peers in ELA, math, science, history, and Spanish. This year the tutoring center operated virtually, via Zoom; students worked in breakout rooms as a way to get the one-on-one help they needed.

There are many exciting things happening at Hoosac Valley High School, and we are proud to include you into our #hvhsfamily because We Believe in You, too!

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Byrd
Principal HVHS

Hoosac Valley Middle School

2020-2021 Town Report

Engaging Every Student Every Day

Though this was a year packed with changes, Hoosac Valley Middle School continues its commitment to the improvement of instructional practices. This includes completing our third year in the DESE Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Inclusive Practice Academy and beginning the Math Recovery Academy. We were also able to begin the use of Formative Assessment for Results (FAR Cycle) as a means of enhancing instructional delivery.

We were able to begin Character Strong - a program designed to help begin to address the social-emotional needs of students through a focus on building relationships with peers and school staff.

Staff were also able to engage in a weekly thirty-minute session designed to help them increase their own self-care with the goal of leading to more mindful interactions with students and families. This was run by Scott Balawender (SAC), Jon Berman (Interim Dean) and David Geer (Music).

We were also able to reach our one-to-one Chromebook goal! Every student is able to access online content as necessary. Despite some technological glitches in various areas students have been able to access the curriculum through platforms such as Schoology, Google Classroom, & Zoom.

This year saw the addition of Mr. Bergeron and Mr. Houle to our Special Education staff. Mr. Geer joined us as the new music teacher. Ms. Phoenix returned to Special Education and Mr. Berman became the interim Dean of Students.

During the months of May and June HVMS students will take a total of Nine MCAS Tests – ELA and Math for all grades, plus Science in grade five. This year’s test will not be counted towards school designation and will be used for diagnostic purposes only.

We understand that the students did as well as they did in part due to the commitment of their families. This year, more than any other, emphasized the need for family-school partnerships. We look forward to building upon this relationship in the coming years and having all students back in the building.

Thank you for the privilege of partnering with families and the community as we help educate the children entrusted to our care.

Respectfully,

Christopher Sposato
Principal
Hoosac Valley Middle School

Hoosac Valley Elementary School

The Mission of the HVRSD is to create a partnership of our schools and communities that develops all of our students into educated, responsible, and productive citizens.

District Beliefs

- I believe all children are capable of learning.
- I believe all students deserve the best instruction and the best resources.
- I believe a safe, respectful, and organized environment creates the ideal climate for learning.
- I believe that people who share responsibility and accountability enhance success.
- I believe that learning is increased when everyone has high expectations.
- I believe providing a variety of approaches leads to individual success and growth.
- I believe that on-going assessment and adjustment is necessary for growth.

Hoosac Valley Elementary School services students in grades Pre-K - 3. The school is located on Commercial Street in downtown Adams housing five grade levels with between 34-86 students in each. The information included in this report highlights some of our special accomplishments, provides statistical information on enrollment and staffing, reviews some school-wide projects and initiatives, and tells about some significant changes. Although there have been many changes and adjustments to the way education looks due to the COVID-19 virus, our staff is dedicated to providing the best possible education to their students in whatever means are available. Our teachers have become experts in technology and online learning platforms overnight and continue to learn and grow right alongside their students. They are taking on what has proven to be the most challenging year in education with grace, dignity and love .

Enrollment Comparisons

Grade	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Pre-K			56	70	68	34
K	68	65	83	75	90	75
1	78	68	80	77	85	86
2	80	81	78	76	77	73
3	84	80	104	77	80	71
4	71	80				
5	72	68				
Totals	453	442	401	375	400	339

Staffing:

The following people help to provide a high quality educational program and a supportive learning environment for the students at our school:

Pre-K

Laura Crane, Nicole Crane, Kelly Riechers*

Kindergarten

Kristy Bachli, Sarah Leidhold*, Robin Poirot, Mara Woolley

Grade 1

Katie Chenail, Mia Davis, Heather Emerson, April Mazzeo*, Kelly Ryan

Grade 2

Elizabeth Alibozek, Laurie Cantarella, Bethany Kelley, Christine Kirchner, Kimberley Trimarchi*

Grade 3

Stephanie McCarthy, Dawn Prokopowicz*, Ann Prudhomme, Danielle Taylor

**Denotes teacher of the fully remote cohort*

School-Wide

- Principal:** Rebecca Sawyer
- Dean of Students:** Delinda Dykes
- Literacy Coach:** Nicole Dunham
- Special Education Coordinator:** Cathy Salvini
- District Specialist:** Kim Biagini
- Special Education:** Sara Delmolino, Elizabeth Bean
- Bridges Program:** Caitlin Larabee
- Cornerstone Program:** Travis Poirot
- Art:** Wendy Lambertson
- Music:** Jonathan Rowe
- Physical Education:** Dan Wehle
- Title I:** Lorry Delmolino
- School Adjustment Counselor:** Jennifer Renzi
- Speech/Lang:** Diane Arduini, Karen Levesque, Brianna Shepard, Laura Underhill
- Occupational Therapy:** Suzanne Harnick, Deb Silveira
- Physical Therapy:** Jamie Bannon, Karissa Kingsley
- ESL Specialist:** Joshua Kellogg
- Administrative Assistant:** Paula Ciskowski
- Main Office Para:** Cheryl Steuer
- Library:** Laurie Gavazzi
- Nurse:** Ashley Allard
- Cafeteria:** Laurie Malloy, AnnMarie Belmonte, Gayle Galli, Gail Labonte, Hasna Badaoui-Nehme, Michael Remillard
- Custodians:** Chad Carpenter, Marc McCarthy, Dennis Pinnsonneault
- Paraprofessionals:** Shannon Badorini, Deb Ciempa, Tanelle Ciempa, Carrie Domanski, Lila Fetter, Kim Galli, Karen Isbell, Beth Larabee, Julie Lech, Heather Levy, Kathy Malloy, Emily Martinelli, Brian McCarthy, Sue McLearn, Paula Meczywor, Francie Moore, Donna Mullany, Kayla Racine, Sarah Tenczar, Beth Thomas, Lisa Waltermire, Heather Witek, Tianna Will, Becki Zaleski

HVES Reading and Math Programs:

English/Language Arts:

Teachers continue to use our Literacy Closet to help students with comprehension and fluency practice, as well as to encourage student discourse. It is our goal at HVES that by using these novels and our Reading Street program, that our students will have a deeper understanding of text, more strategies to help them understand literature, and a love of reading in general. There is a newly formed Literacy Committee, chaired by consultant Jill Pompei, that is investigating a new ELA curriculum to replace the Scott Forseman program. The new program will be in place in the Fall of 2021.

Mathematics:

We are in our third year of our Eureka Math program, which is part of the Engage NY math series. The EngageNY curriculum is aligned with the Common Core standards in mathematics. This new curriculum has been used since the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year and is being embraced by staff and students as a much needed adjustment to our math instruction. Teachers knew their students needed more engaging and differentiated math instruction. Engage NY offers an in-depth understanding of numbers and their relationships; as well as providing opportunity for student discourse and teamwork. The lessons can be adapted; which allows the teacher flexibility in the classroom. In this way, instruction can meet the needs of all learners. The math modules provide a reasonable number of problem sets and applications for students to reasonably achieve understanding.

“The Standards are defined as the knowledge, skills and understanding that individuals can and do habitually demonstrate over time because of instruction and learning experiences. These mathematics standards, collectively, are focused and cohesive—designed to support student access to the knowledge and understanding of the mathematical concepts that are necessary to function in a world very dependent upon the application of mathematics, while providing educators the opportunity to devise innovative programs to support this endeavor. As with any set of standards, they need to be rigorous; they need to demand a balance of conceptual understanding, procedural fluency and application and represent a significant level of achievement in mathematics that will enable students to successfully transition to post-secondary education and the workforce.”
- New York State Education Department

Hoosac Valley Elementary School is looking forward to continued success with the new math curriculum as well as higher student achievement, discourse, and mathematical understanding. Our district math coaches are in the process of completing the Math Recovery course to give us another resource for intervention materials to help our struggling learners.

Parent Group (PTG)

The Hoosac Valley Elementary School's PTG Group provides extensive support to the children of our school throughout the year. The group meets monthly to discuss ongoing support to the children. Their efforts support the Hoosac Valley Elementary School community in a variety of ways. Many of these events were not possible this year due to COVID restrictions, but the PTG is excited to implement them again when the situation allows.

Arts Enrichment:

- Performances in music, drama, science, history and dance, both in-house and off-site
- Sponsoring multiple children's authors
- Partnering with Berkshire Theater Group to provide our 3rd graders with BTG Plays!
- Collaborative Arts Night

Activities

- Craft activities sent home
- Field trips for students at all grade levels
- Give-a-Gift to promote the spirit of holiday giving and donating, from children to children
- Hoosac Valley Elementary School Yearbook creation
- Family Movie nights (hosted in the HVMHS Auditorium)
- Family Fun and Food Festival
- Hosting the Hoosac Harvest and Spring Fling Vendor and Craft Fair
- Audubon science program
- Field Day treats
- Lucky To Have You Dance
- Valentine's Day Candy-Grams

Appreciation Days

- Staff Appreciation Day in May
- Book Fair breakfast for Faculty and Staff
- Pizza/Ice Cream parties to reward top collectors of BoxTops

School Improvements/Equipment Maintenance:

- Playground fundraising and maintenance
- Start up funding for the after school Explorer Program
- Funding for Scholastic Reader in the Classroom

Title I

Title I is a federal entitlement grant supporting school-wide academic support for all Hoosac Valley Elementary students. The grant helps to fund interventionists and instructional assistants as well as materials that supplement and support core instruction. Through Title I funding, classroom teachers and interventionists are able to use assessment data in ELA and math throughout the year to inform instructional routines. In grades 1-3 both the math and ELA interventionist and ELA paraprofessional provide services in both a push-in and pull-out model.

Students who are identified as needing additional instruction receive additional exposure to the core curriculum through Enhanced Core Reading Instruction (ECRI) and direct and explicit instruction models. Within the small group instruction, students also receive differentiated rigorous instruction to meet their individual needs.

Reading Is Fundamental

RIF is a federally funded program whose goal is to give children access to books and discover the joys and value of reading. Hoosac Valley Elementary School in partnership with Hoosac Valley Middle School applies for the ACE Grant through the Berkshire Taconic Foundation each year. These funds allow each

student the opportunity to choose a book from a wide selection of books, based on their own interests once a year. The book distributions are enhanced by fun reading-motivational activities. Volunteers are a big part of RIF, helping make bookmarks, ordering and taking inventory of books. As well as helping on distribution day by reading with students, stocking books, and even handing out special treats. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions we are all facing this year, our distribution will look a little different. We want to ensure that all students in hybrid or fully remote cohorts receive a book they are interested in, and we will be working closely with teachers to make this happen. Our distribution will be held in the Spring this year. This program is vital for children who have no books in their homes, have limited access to bookstores, and who would not experience the thrill of owning their own books without the service RIF provides.

Music Program:

Jonathan Rowe teaches general music at Hoosac Valley Elementary School. In music classes students are introduced to musical notation, musical terminology, families of instruments, and major composers and different musical genres. Students in grades K and 1 focus on singing and movement activities along with hands-on experiences with drums, maracas and other classroom instruments while students in grades 2-3 have the opportunity to learn the basics of keyboards and drums.

Art:

The Hoosac Valley Elementary School Visual Arts Program creates exposure to a variety of artists, materials and techniques. This exposure fosters creativity and increases the students' art knowledge and appreciation. Students develop and expand their Visual Arts skills through a combination of literacy based art lessons and techniques. Cross-curricular art lessons including language arts, math, science and art history enhance the students' experience of art techniques such as drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, mosaic and collage. Our students are encouraged to "Explore" the manipulation of various art materials such as paint, clay, ink and oil pastel. This art experience enables students to create multi-media art work.

Physical Education:

Hoosac Valley Elementary physical education classes work to both actively engage a student's mind and body while conveying the importance of a healthy and active lifestyle. Physical education is both fun and challenging to all students, no matter their ability or skill level. A student enrolled in our program learns how to physically perform a skill, the rules involved and the social aspect surrounding that activity or sport.

Students are engaged in a vast array of different activities while participating in physical education. Children in the pre-school and kindergarten levels have been learning many different gross motor skills required to participate in large group activities and non-competitive games. The skills being learned at this level include the overhand and underhand throwing technique, kicking a stationary object, striking a moving object, jumping rope, locomotor movements, and fleeing and dodging type activities. Children in the first through third grade levels learn the skills of many traditional and non-traditional sports including soccer, football, basketball, hockey, volleyball, badminton, tennis, and cup stacking. While actively engaged in sport students also learn how to better communicate and resolve conflicts with classmates.

All grade levels participate in our "kidnastics" unit, which is an age-appropriate version of gymnastics, the New York Roadrunner's Rising Runner program and our annual Kids Heart Challenge (formally known as Jump Rope for Heart) fundraiser event through the American Heart Association. Students are engaged in cross-curricular activities that include mathematics, history, health, and ELA. Adaptive students have been actively engaged in the physical education program where they receive attention and accommodation focusing on their specific needs through the use of modified equipment and lesson plans. The physical education department is constantly seeking to increase the amount of time afforded to one on one opportunities for students with adaptive needs.

Students are making progress in understanding the value of teamwork, cooperation, effort, and sportsmanship. Please continue to follow the happenings in physical education by reading the quarterly newsletters and visiting the Bloomz physical education website.

Technology

The current District Technology Plan continues to guide decisions in this vital area of educational practice. We continue to update content and improve communication between school/community/families through our district and individual school webpages. We see this as an opportunity to give families direct access to calendars, information and upcoming events, policies and procedures.

The 2020-2021 school year has brought the adoption of many new platforms for HVRSD. Schoology has been adopted as our primary remote learning platform, in addition to many other supporting platforms such as Google Classroom, Zoom, Google Meet, Kami, and Zearn. Because of remote learning, our on-line software offerings to students both in and out of school continue to expand. We are continuing to work with an on-line software offering for our students in the area of Math, Symphony Math. This student use program aligns with the CCSS (Common Core State Standards) and helps students connect the BIG IDEAS in mathematics. Mastery of new math skills is achieved through Conceptual Understanding, Fluency, and Adaptive Branching. It provides all students the opportunity to progress at their own rate of learning while responding to their individual needs as they work through the 26 stages of the program. Lexia CORE 5 is utilized in grades Pre-K to 3; which is based on the 5 components of reading and is compliant with the CCSS. As with Symphony it meets each student at their own level of learning and allows students the ability to acquire skills above their current grade level. Classroom teachers can access the data from these programs to guide instruction for individual students. These programs can be accessed at home directly from our school website and used on the chrome books, iPad, desktop, or android, within your web browser. We continue to review our offerings and explore new additions to our technology hardware/software to assist our staff in meeting the educational needs of all learners.

Community Connections

We continue to maintain excellent working relationships with a number of agencies throughout our neighboring communities as well as those in the town of Adams. We also work closely with the following organizations:

- Berkshire Theatre Group (BTG Plays! for grade 3)
- The Counseling Center of the Berkshires (counseling)
- The Department of Children and Families (family support)
- The Massachusetts Audubon Society (classroom lessons)
- Adams Police Department (school resource officers, practice safety drills)
- Mass MoCA (Grant funded program for all students K-5 to attend performances/tour spaces)
- The Berkshire Museum
- The Family Place (Backpacked for Success Program)
- Adams Library, Fire Department, and local banks (educational programs)
- Hoosac Valley High School (Leo Club)
- Adams Visitor Center-Joe Nowak (Presentations and visits)
- Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (practicum students and administrative interns)
- The Police Athletic League who use our gymnasium for basketball games
- REACH Foundation
- The Adams Community Bank provides our school with a generous donation each year.

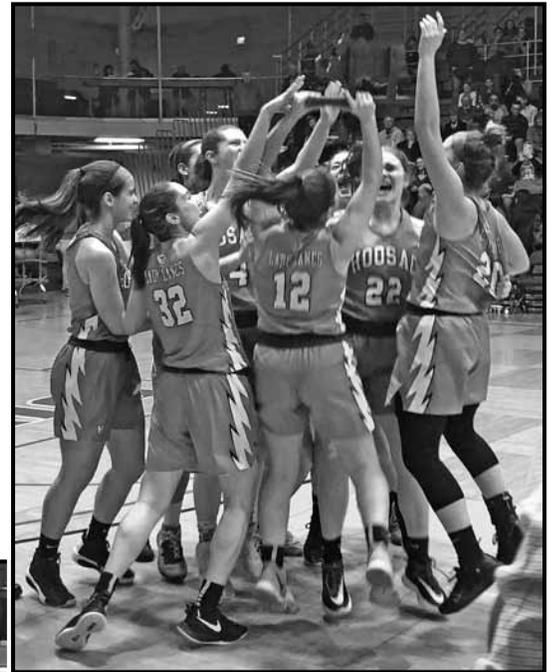
“When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts.”

~ Dalai Lama

Hoosac Valley Elementary School is a dynamic, child-centered school where our students’ safety, social/emotional wellness, and academic achievements are our top priorities. We are so thankful for all of the continued support we receive from our parents, families, volunteers and community friends. The hard work we do each day could not be possible without you as our partner in the education of our children!

Submitted by,

Rebecca Sawyer
Principal



2019-2020 HVHS
Girls Basketball Team
Western / Central Mass
Champions and
State Co-Champions

Hoosac Valley High School Athletics

Winter 2020

Congratulations to the Girls' Basketball team for earning State Champions honor once again. Led by long-time coach Ron Wojick, the girls' team repeated as Western Mass and Central Mass Champs as well. Seniors Shaleigh Levesque and Riley Robinson led the team and the trip back to "The Cage" was a priority with a well-deserved win over rival Wahconah. While the girls were not able to participate in the State Championship game due to COVID the team was awarded Co-Champ honor. In addition, the team continued to raise funds for The American Cancer Society through its Coaches for Cancer campaign. Congratulations to all coaches, players, families and teams that participated in this important event.

The boys' program saw Izaha Stubbs reach 1,000 point status, ending his career with 1,311 points. Congratulations, Izaha, on this tremendous honor following years of hard work and perseverance. The team earned well-deserved victories over Wahconah and Drury. The HV Boys' Basketball team continued to host the "Mr. Hoosac" competition and brought many laughs to those in surrounding communities.

The Nordic Ski program earned the right to compete at States and Junior Corbin Craig and Sophomore Justin Levesque competed at a high level and earned many accolades throughout the season. On the Girls' Side, skiers Sydney Jamros, Alannah McGrath, Natalie Pompei and Vienna Mahar continued to improve at each contest.

Spring 2020

Unfortunately, with the onset of COVID-19, spring sports were not allowed to take place. However, coaches and student-athletes continued to maintain contact, hold online Zoom workouts as well as meet with their student-athletes.

Fall 2020

There was a tremendous amount of uncertainty going into the Fall of 2020 but our dedicated coaches and student-athletes found a way to make the season as successful as possible. Even though there was not a traditional season, the golf, soccer, cheerleading, and football coaches were able to hold competitive, socially distanced, practices as well as strength and conditioning sessions.

Even though the students knew there was not going to be a traditional season, this did not stop them from coming out and getting better at their respective sports. There were over 105 students that took part in the fall season and all came together as a family to make the most out of an unprecedented situation. The boys and girls soccer team, along with the football team, also participated in non-MIAA leagues for the students to showcase everything they have been training for.

The number one priority at HVHS is safety and our coaches did a phenomenal job adhering to all MIAA, EEA, and state guidelines. Temperatures were taken before practice and all equipment was sanitized as much as possible. Due to the diligence of each coach, there were zero COVID cases in the athletics program. All coaches and players did an amazing job of keeping the high standard that Hoosac is used to. This Fall season will only serve to better prepare everyone for years to come.

Winter 2020-2021

The Athletic Department is pleased to announce the hiring of new staff with a long history of success in their professional sports careers. While the future of Winter Athletics due to COVID and remote learning is uncertain, each coach has provided support and connection. Gretta Fachetti has been hired as the 2020-2021 Nordic Ski Coach. Coach Fachetti has a long history of success and coaching. She is the 1994 HVHS State Champion as well as having coached from 1999-2004 in a myriad of capacities. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience as well and looks forward to growing the program.

Holly McGovern has been hired as the Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach and McKenzie Robinson as the Junior Varsity Coach. Both coaches have a depth of knowledge and history. Coach McGovern brings with her several honors: Winningest coach in MCLA/NASC history, MASCAC Championships and NCAA and ECAC Tournament Berths. Coach M. Robinson is a HVHS alumni who played Girls' Basketball all four years. In addition to her experience at Hoosac, she was a standout athlete at MCLA and moved on to coaching through the Berkshire Mountaineers Program, having coached the 5/6 and 7/8 age groups over a span of three years. She builds positive relationships with her players and parents alike.

William Robinson has returned as the Varsity Boys' Coach. Coach W. Robinson coached at Hoosac from 1990-2016 and won 4 Western Mass and 3 State Finalist honors. In 2015, Coach Robinson was selected to the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. In addition to his many accolades, Coach Robinson builds excellent connections with kids and stresses the importance of both academic, athletic and relational success. We look forward to having Coach Robinson back in the program. Coach Matt Larabee returns to coach the Junior Varsity team and we are excited as he continues to influence and impact the program and his student-athletes.

Athletic Honors and Awards:

Hoosac Valley High School is honored to have received recognition for the following:

2019-2020 Athletic Leadership Council (ALC) MIAA/MSSADA award for Service

Led by Faith Hall, Shaleigh Levesque, Riley Robinson and Zach Swistak, the ALC paired with Wahconah Regional High School and The Berkshire county Sheriff's Office to collect toys and monetary donations for Toys for Tots Campaign. The group organized a toy collection at the school and prior to the 2019 football game at Wahconah.

Cecilia Norcross was awarded the District G Joao Rodrigues Award for contributions to an Athletic Department. This award is a reflection of dedication and commitment to interscholastic athletics in the state of Massachusetts. Celia has been a long-time contributor to the Towns of Adams and Cheshire through the Youth Soccer Program as well as a parent contributor to the HVHS Band Program and Boys' Soccer and Track programs. Celia donates countless hours to the benefit of student-athletes.

HVRSD Special Services

Annual Report 2020-2021

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented unprecedented challenges for our students, their families, and our entire school community. The extended school closure in the Spring 2020 and the varying learning models (remote and hybrid) of the Fall 2020 have had significant impacts on the academic and social-emotional well-being of all students, including students with disabilities. Our faculty, staff, and administration have worked tirelessly to meet the needs of all learners and to prioritize in-person learning for our youngest learners (preschool and kindergarten), as well as our high-needs populations (students participating in substantially separate programs, students with Department of Children and Families - DCF), and court involvement, as well as our McKinney Vento (homeless) students and students who are at risk for failure of core content classes. Some of these efforts have included the addition of licensed and non-licensed staff, the creation of school based Remote Learning Centers at both Hoosac Valley Middle School and Hoosac Valley High School, increased transportation for students with disabilities, and increased collaboration between our related service providers and families. Additionally, we have utilized Zoom Communications meeting platform, Zoom Edu, to conduct HIPPA and FERPA compliant team meetings and to provide direct special education services to students remotely.

Despite the challenges we have faced, the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years have included new opportunities and continued development of essential programming for our students in the areas of Special Education, English Language Education, and Early Childhood Programming. During the 2020-2021 school year, the Special Services Department provided support services to approximately 307 students with Individualized Education Programs both in district schools, as well as in out-of-district school placements, 13 students who receive English Language Education, and approximately 70 students with 504 Accommodation Plans. Supports provided through the Special Services Department are aligned with the established regulations of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and policies and laws for educating students with limited English proficiency.

During the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years, our students have received a wide range of special education services, depending on their individualized needs, from ages three through twenty-two (or graduation in some cases). Services provided include direct instruction and support in academic areas such as reading, writing, or math, as well as in other areas such as executive functioning skills, life skills, social skills, self-regulation skills and skills that will help students transition to adulthood. Additionally, students have received an array of related services, which include speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, vision therapy, mobility training, supports for students with hearing impairments, school counseling, and behavioral interventions.

Our mandate and goal is to educate students in the least restrictive environment (LRE). To accomplish this, our special education services exist along a continuum that is individualized

for each student to provide access to our school's curriculum. In the 2019-2020 school year, 74% of our students with disabilities had IEPs that called for services in a Full Inclusion environment, 16% in a Partial Inclusion Environment, and 10% in a Substantially Separate Environment. Over the course of the past 10 months, the Special Services Office has been focused on improving the specificity of our student's IEPs to ensure that they meet their needs both academically and social-emotionally. We have challenged each other to think outside of the box and outside of past practices to both to ensure that the time our students are in the general education classroom is meaningful and to ensure that we are providing explicit instruction in both academic and social emotional skills. The hope is that by increasing the type of services available within our schools, we will be able to transition and integrate some of our students who are currently attending private day placements back to their home schools. While our goal is to provide inclusive opportunities for students whenever appropriate, many of our students continue to require specialized instruction outside of the general education setting based on their needs.

As a district, we continue to see rising numbers of students with high needs - academically, socially, medically, emotionally, and behaviorally, and as a district we continue to recognize that our programming needs to shift and adapt based on the changing needs of our students. The ultimate goal of our programming is to allow students with significant behavioral needs, learning needs, and needs relating to Autism or cognitive impairments to receive appropriate supports within their home schools, and we will continue to build internal capacity that allows this to occur. This year we have focused our capacity building on increasing our faculty and staff's knowledge and training in systematic, direct, explicit reading instruction for struggling readers. Our goal in providing this training is to increase the number of interventions available to faculty and students. This allows us to feature match each program to a child's specific learning profile. Specifically, we have trained 25 in the Introductory Wilson Reading Course and 7 staff participating in the yearlong practicum to become Level 1 Wilson Certified Instructors. Additionally, we have provided professional development to faculty in Lindamood Bell's programs (LiPs, Seeing Stars, and Visualizing and Verbalizing) and RAVE-O. Furthermore, Hoosac Valley Elementary School has been participating in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)'s Early Literacy Grant. The focus of this grant is to provide professional development in evidence-based practice in the science of reading. Lastly, we have received a three-year Math Recovery Academy sponsorship from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). This year we have trained our math coaches, district-wide, to be Math Recovery Specialists. This will allow them to provide Tier 3 interventions for students struggling in mathematics. In years 2 and 3 of the academy all math teachers in grades kindergarten through grade 8 will be trained in the use of the program.

The Special Services Department has continued to maintain strong partnerships with community-based organizations, such as Rhythm Rhyme Preschool, Berkshire Family and Individual

Resources (BFAIR), Community Access to the Arts, Childcare of the Berkshires Family Center, United Cerebral Palsy – Early Intervention, Pediatric Development Center which helps foster strong community connections for our students. Additionally, we have made connections with new community-based organizations including Communicare, LLC and Tate Behavioral who have provided assistive technology, augmentative alternative communication, and behavioral supports to our students.

This year the Special Services Department has also made significant growth through a strong partnership with the Hoosac Valley Technology Department. All students now have access to a wide array of support tools (i.e., speech-to-text, text-to-speech, study tools) both at school, as well as at home, through the Read&Write for Google extension. Additionally, we have provided students access to Bookshare, which is a text-to-speech service for students with print disabilities. With the support of our Technology Department, tools that used to be rare or unique are now commonplace and part of the general education classroom and are readily accessible for our students.

Our integrated preschool program continues to thrive at Hoosac Valley Elementary School. As of January 2021, we currently provide half-day programming to approximately 32 students, in three integrated classrooms. The integrated preschool model provides all students the opportunity to develop and strengthen their foundational academic and social skills alongside their peers. Our preschool curriculum is aligned to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, as well as Massachusetts Standards for Preschool Social and Emotional Learning and Approaches to Play and Learning. Our youngest learners learn pre-reading skills such as blending sounds to create words, segmenting, rhyming and learning letter sounds. Math activities have include rote counting, numeral recognition, patterning, subitizing, counting objects and measurement. Additionally, using small group instruction we can integrate social skills practice, Handwriting Without Tears and Talian Lively Letters curriculum in order to best meet the needs of diverse learners. Furthermore, some students also receive intensive services based on their specific needs and some students who participate in community preschool programs drop-in for special education services.

Our community is becoming increasingly diverse as is represented by the growing number of English Learner (EL) students. While it is at times challenging to meet the needs of a population that is constantly growing and evolving, the district sees our linguistically diverse population as a great strength and strives to meet the individual and varied needs of these students.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the shift in educational models, the number one priority of our English Language Education and ESL programming has been to support our students - whether that be academically, socio-emotionally or technologically. Our EL teacher has collaborated with SEI endorsed teachers to ensure that access to the curriculum is equitable and technology has been provided in the form of Internet hotspots and Chromebook computers. In addition to this, EL students have continued to work in the areas of Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking both remotely and in person when possible. Culture remains a focus of the curriculum as we strive to not only teach our EL students about American culture but explore what our Native English-speaking students can learn from them.

In the 2020-2021 school year, the Hoosac Valley Regional School District has 13 EL students enrolled. Since 2014, this number has grown by over 200%. The current languages of our EL population include Gujarati, Hindi, Indonesian, Mandarin, Arabic, Spanish and English. We currently have students originally from the USA, India and Ecuador. In the past few years, we have also enrolled students from France, the Philippines, Iran, Lebanon, Dubai, Puerto Rico, and other countries.

In preparing the 2021-2022 budget, the Special Services Office gathered both analytical and anecdotal information from a variety of stakeholders including parents of special education students, faculty, staff, students, and administration. Additionally, we utilized data gathered from an internal audit of federal and state timeline compliance, student enrollment, as well as benchmarking and progress monitoring data. A Special Services Budget Survey yielded a total of 112 responses. 42% of responses were from Parents, 47.3% were from Employees, 9.8% were from individuals who were both Parents and Employees, and 1% were from Students. A summary of the data can be found below:

- When asked how important it is to allocate resources to expand the number of licensed staff, 76.8% of respondents strongly agreed.
- When asked how important it is to allocate resources to expand the number of non-licensed staff, 51.8% of respondents strongly agreed.
- When asked what licensed position respondents believed represents the biggest staffing needs, 41.1% responded Special Education Teachers were the greatest need. There was an almost equal split between the remaining respondents who prioritized: Reading Specialists, Counselors, Behavior Specialists, School Psychologists and Therapeutic Staff.
- When asked what non-licensed position respondents believed represents the biggest staffing needs, 77.7% responded paraprofessionals and licensed paraprofessionals were the greatest need. 10% of respondents felt that Hall/Bathroom/Lunch/Recess Monitors were needed and 10% felt that none of the selections were needed.
- When asked which academic area should be prioritized, 64.3% identified Reading, 19.6% identified Math and 16.1% identified Writing.
- When asked which non-academic area should be prioritized, 55.3% identified Social-Emotional and Behavioral Supports. 18.8% identified Alternative Learning Pathways. 12.5% identified Transition to Adulthood Skills and the remaining respondents identified Professional Development and Information/Instructional Technology.

There were two open-response questions, as well, which asked where respondents felt that we should focus funding both academically and non-academically. Themes that emerged from the open response questions include:

- A need to focus on Reading and Social-Emotional Supports.
- Concern regarding the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on both the academic and social-emotional well-being of our students.
- A need to increase the continuum of services for students academically and social-emotionally.

- A need to increase the engagement of students, especially during remote learning.
- A need to develop alternative learning pathways and alternative education opportunities for secondary students.
- The need to have adequate staff (both licensed and non-licensed) to meet the needs of all learners.
- The need to identify (and to diversify) our current academic, social-emotional, and social skills curricula.
- The need for consistent implementation of chosen curricula and programs.

Our mission, as a Special Services Department, is to partner with families and the entire education community to provide a wide range of effective and meaningful services for our students. Ultimately, our goal as educators is to guide our students along their path to independent and connected adult lives. Looking to the 2021-2022 school year, our department is hoping to both increase the number of licensed staff within our buildings, as well as to identify and implement consistent academic, social-emotional, and social-skills curricula for students in preschool through grade 12. Lastly, we continue to seem parents who are interested in joining the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). If you have interest in becoming involved with our SEPAC, please reach out to our office via phone at 413-743-2939 ext. 1107 or via email at:

jdickson@hoosacvalley.org.

Respectfully,

Joshua Dickson, M.S.Ed.
Director of Special Services

Eligible Students by Grade

Grade	Eligible Students
PK	40
K	19
1	26
2	17
3	24
4	16
5	19
6	34
7	35
8	20
9	11
10	11
11	17
12	12
SP	3

Special Services Faculty

Joshua Dickson	Suzanne Harnick	Elizabeth Phoenix
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Karen Levesque	Rebecca Cohen	

Director of Food Services

In 2019-2020, the Hoosac Valley Regional School District continues to participate in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program, USDA Commodity Distribution Program, Summer Food Service Program and a USDA Program called DOD-FFAVORS (Department of Defense Fresh Fruits & Vegetable Program).

The HVRSD Food Service Department is part of a Purchasing Program called Collaborative for Educational Services (CES) through which we purchase groceries for the Food Service Program. We also are members of the Berkshire County Food Service Purchasing Cooperative that puts out bids for bread, dairy and paper products, yearly, on a county wide basis.

We are in our third year of being a CEP district. This Community Eligibility Program makes our entire district eligible for free breakfast and free lunch for each student daily.

We received a grant for \$20,000.00 for a new Hobart Dishwasher for HVES to replace the existing one that was held together with band-aids. It was installed in August 2019. Expenses to Food Service were \$3916.89.

HVES was also awarded a grant to participate in the Fruit & Veggie Program again for SY 2019-2020. The Grant supported a 3-hour worker who delivered daily samples of a fresh fruit and a fresh veggie to each student in each class to help teach students about choosing healthy snacks.

For the 2019-2020 SY, the Food Service Department had a deficit of (\$148,237) on Revenues of \$412,924.00. Government subsidies represented 92.8% of total Revenue. USDA Commodities valued at \$33,049.82 were received in 2020.

There were 3 retirements at the end of SY 2020. Flossie Hoellerich and Gena Simoneau retired after many years of dedicated service in the Food Service Department. Cindy Gajda, who was the Manager of Cheshire Elementary School, also retired with more than 30 years of dedicated service in Food Service.

Participation in the reimbursable National School Lunch Program for SY 19-20 was 54%. Participation in the School Breakfast Program for SY 19-20 was 72%. These totals reflect participation from August 28, 2019 through March 13, 2020.

On Monday, March 16, 2020, with the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic, school meals were delivered curbside at both HVMHS & HVES. There is no registration, meals are free to anyone 18 years and under. During the summer months, meals continued to be available curbside at HVES and also delivered to some homes by community volunteers. During the months from April through August 2020, there were 31,604 lunches distributed and 31,604 breakfasts distributed in our Community!

The percentage of students who qualified for free/reduced meals as of June 2020 was 50%, a 2% decrease from the previous year.

We operated 2 kitchens in SY 2019-2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosanne Schutz
Food Service Director

Director of Business

Overview of Fiscal Year 2020

The process of developing the FY2020 budget began in November of 2018. Using a mind set of reconfigure and repurpose, the Administration began the task of developing building-based budgets while being mindful of the fiscal constraints each of our member towns remains under.

Repurposed funds allowed for the addition of a Learning Lab teacher, which serves all populations of students at the High School. This position allowed for advanced students to take online courses, while also serving as a center for students needing additional help to receive support outside of their regular classroom setting. This position, in addition to those added in previous budgets, has continued to support the District in educating and supporting students of varying abilities and needs.

In FY2020, The Adams-Cheshire Regional School District's Budget of \$20,099,487 represented an increase of \$349,341 over the previous fiscal year's budget. The increase was derived from contractual increases, Adams Retirement contribution increase, School Choice and Charter assessment increases from the state as well as a shift of expense out of the School Choice fund and into the operating budget.

The 2020 fiscal year began with a fund balance of \$378,138 as certified by the Department of Revenue. The District ended the year with E&D certified at \$383,955. This balance represents the amount remaining after revenues and expenditures are netted against the beginning balance, and the amount appropriated to reduce assessments to the towns in FY21 (\$300,000) is deducted. The amount of E&D used to offset town assessments has increased over the years. This approach, however, does not allow for the district to maintain the amount of E&D that is recommended by auditors, financial advisors and bond rating organizations. The District will now work towards slowly decreasing the amount of E&D used to offset assessments and instead use it towards maintaining a fund balance that will favorably impact it's financial situation and bond rating.

In closing, the FY2020 budget produced another beneficial teaching position, maintained current staffing and began a shift in dependency of using School Choice funds to absorb a large portion of elementary school expenditure. The current trends in population decline and minimal funding are all challenges that present themselves each year. The District's School Committee, Administration and Staff continue to make great gains in educating our children while facing the reality of the financial constraints around us.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika M. Snyder
Director of Business
February 11, 2021

Hoosac Valley Regional School District
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2020

	General Fund	Non-major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 2,489,619	\$ 725,390	\$ 3,215,009
Receivables:			
Intergovernmental	43,666	178,010	221,676
Other	53,517	-	53,517
Inventory	-	33,705	33,705
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,586,802	\$ 937,105	\$ 3,523,907
LIABILITIES			
Warrants payable	\$ 63,030	\$ 36,612	\$ 99,642
Accrued payroll and withholdings	1,207,296	41,272	1,248,568
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,270,326	77,884	1,348,210
FUND BALANCES			
Restricted	-	859,221	859,221
Assigned	573,054	-	573,054
Unassigned	743,422	-	743,422
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,316,476	859,221	2,175,697
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,586,802	\$ 937,105	\$ 3,523,907

**Hoosac Valley Regional School District
Governmental Funds
Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
for the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	General Fund	Non-major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Assessments to member towns	\$ 8,520,702	\$ -	\$ 8,520,702
Charges for services	-	312,132	312,132
Intergovernmental	12,540,717	1,954,381	14,495,098
Investment income	31,076	-	31,076
Miscellaneous	12,167	-	12,167
TOTAL REVENUES	21,104,662	2,266,513	23,371,175
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Administration	714,192	3,117	717,309
Instruction	6,849,917	829,006	7,678,923
Other school services	1,173,096	819,104	1,992,200
Operation and maintenance	1,083,259	-	1,083,259
Fixed charges	141,149	-	141,149
Special education	2,694,615	480,738	3,175,353
Employee benefits	5,581,773	-	5,581,773
Debt Service:			
Principal	605,000	-	605,000
Interest	325,750	-	325,750
Intergovernmental	1,880,458	-	1,880,458
Acquisition	40,000	-	40,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	21,089,209	2,131,965	23,221,174
Change in fund balance	15,453	134,548	150,001
FUND BALANCE, AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,301,023	724,673	2,025,696
FUND BALANCE, AT END OF YEAR	\$ 1,316,476	\$ 859,221	\$ 2,175,697

**Hoosac Valley Regional School District
Assessments to Member Towns
June 30, 2020**

Town	Minimum Contribution	Contribution Outside Net School Spending	Transportation & Capital Assessments	Total Assessments
Adams	\$ 3,757,565	\$ 945,842	\$ 1,089,242	\$ 5,792,649
Cheshire	2,061,392	301,052	365,609	2,728,053
TOTAL	\$ 5,818,957	\$ 1,246,894	\$ 1,454,851	\$ 8,520,702

**Hoosac Valley Regional School District
June 30, 2020
Future Debt Service**

Governmental	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 620,000	\$ 307,600	\$ 927,600
2022	640,000	289,000	929,000
2023	655,000	269,800	924,800
2024	635,000	250,150	885,150
2025	650,000	231,100	881,100
2026 - 2030	3,630,000	806,700	4,436,700
2031 - 2034	2,500,000	172,650	2,672,650
TOTAL	\$ 9,330,000	\$ 2,327,000	\$ 11,657,000

Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District



The Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District, McCann Technical School, students, faculty and staff continued their record of noteworthy accomplishments in fiscal year 2020 and this report highlights some of these accomplishments.

Our mission is to graduate technically skilled, academically prepared, and socially responsible individuals ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Our mission and educational philosophy are implemented by adhering to the following core values:

Respect for self, others, and the learning environment promotes a positive learning experience for all students.

Effort - is demonstrated through an applied work ethic that includes punctuality, improvement, and a determination to succeed.

Accountability - develops personal responsibility for both behavior and learning.

Communication facilitates collaboration, promotes self-advocacy, and develops positive relationships.

Honor - requires students to act with integrity, honesty, positivity, and empathy for others.

McCann continues to offer high quality vocational and academic education. The faculty and staff prides itself on meeting the needs of all of our learners as the best practices in teaching and education are constantly being developed and refined. Our vocational programs are updated annually to the latest industry-recognized techniques and equipment. Academic programs consistently implement updated and relevant material for their disciplines. The support from our member towns is integral in creating this culture of learning which is reflected in our students' accomplishments.

The accomplishments of our students reflect the McCann culture of learning:

The Class of 2020 became the seventeenth class in a row to attain 100 percent competency determination on the MCAS tests. Thirty members of the Class of 2020 earned the prestigious John and Abigail Adams Scholarship awarded through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for their academic record and MCAS achievement. Our 116 2020 graduates saw 58% continue their education in a variety of colleges and universities, 38% enter the workforce and 4% proudly enter into military service. We were fortunate to be able to award 116 diplomas to the class of 2020 during our outdoor commencement ceremony on August 6, 2020.

The 2020 MCAS exams were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The class of 2022 will take the MCAS exams during their junior year. The district will deliver the exams in accordance with DESE guidance.

GRADE 10 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Performance Level	2019
Exceeding Expectations	2%
Passing	96%
Not Meeting Expectations	2%

GRADE 10 - MATHEMATICS

Performance Level	2019
Exceeding Expectations	0%
Passing	94%
Not Meeting Expectations	6%

GRADE 10 - SCIENCE AND TECH/ENG

Performance Level	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Advanced	11.3%	24.5%	26.1%	13.7%	16.0%
Proficient	63.7%	61.8%	51.3%	53.3%	56.0%
Needs Improvement	23.4%	10.9%	20.1%	30.6%	25.0%
Failing	1.6%	2.7%	1.7%	2.4%	3.0%

The McCann Athletics program continues to enjoy success in the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Association. Our programs enjoy healthy participation numbers and our student athletes continue to represent our school admirably. The girls' soccer team claimed the State Vocational Small School Division Championship Title in a thrilling game versus Blue Hills Regional Vocational School on the Williams College soccer field. All spring sports were unfortunately cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our continuous facility improvement program allowed us to remove asbestos floor tile and renovate eight classrooms, two offices, and two faculty rooms, renovate three more bathrooms and install new air-handling units in several locations. The advent of the COVID-19 pandemic necessitates additional sanitizing and HVAC challenges which will be evident during FY21.

The integration of new educational technology continues to be our priority. We used our Perkins Grant to continue our upgrade of educational software, purchase iPads for technical instructors to provide on-the-spot analysis of student progress, and replace hand tools in our carpentry, electrical, and metal fabrication departments. We also received a Skills Capital Grant of \$150,000.00 which enabled us to add a CNC waterjet machining center for our advanced manufacturing department and a CNC programmable vertical band saw and a CNC plasma cutting machine for our metal fabrication department.

Community service projects continue to provide our students with excellent opportunities to display their technical skills while exhibiting the passion and commitment to support their community. Our Skills USA students' community service included the "Buddy Walk of the Berkshires," placing flags on veterans' graves, assistance with the weekend Meals on Wheels, a Christmas "giving tree" for young residents of the Louison House, and several fundraisers for PopCares.

McCann continued its ongoing participation in SkillsUSA, a national organization of more than 300,000 members working to ensure America has a skilled work force. McCann is a 100% member of SkillsUSA which has provided the opportunity for our students to earn scholarships, tools for their trade, opportunities for employment and awards in recognition of their accomplishments. At the 2020 SkillsUSA district competition McCann students earned 20 gold medals in 3-D Visualization and Animation, Additive Manufacturing, Architectural Drafting, Automated Manufacturing Technology, Carpentry, Internetworking, Restaurant Service, Sheet Metal, Technical Computer Applications, Technical Drafting, Web Design, Welding at the high school level and Cosmetology (over 500), Dental Assisting and Medical Assisting at the postsecondary level. Sixteen silver medals were awarded in 3-D Visualization & Animation, Additive Manufacturing, Architectural Drafting, Automated Manufacturing Technology, Carpentry, Cosmetology (over 500), Customer Service, Industrial Motor Control, Sheet Metal, Technical Drafting at the high school level and Cosmetology (over 500), Dental Assisting and Medical Assisting at the postsecondary level. Eleven bronze medals were also earned in 3-D Visualization and Animation, Architectural Drafting, Automated Manufacturing Technology, Carpentry, Technical Drafting at the high school level and Cosmetology (over 500), Dental Assisting and Medical Assisting at the postsecondary level. Although this year's state and national SkillsUSA competitions were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are incredibly proud of our competitors!

Business Professionals of America (BPA) is the leading career and technical student organization for students pursuing careers in Business Management, Office Administration, Information Technology and other related career fields. The organization's activities complement classroom instruction by giving students practical experience through application of the skills learned at school. BPA is contributing to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic, and technological skills. At the 2020 BPA State Leadership Conference held in Framingham, MA, McCann students received a total of fifteen awards in Finance, Business

Administration, Management Information Systems, Digital Communication and Design, and Management, Marketing and Communications. McCann BPA members earned three 1st place and three 3rd place awards at the SLC in March. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Leadership Conference scheduled for May 6-9 in Washington, D.C. was cancelled.

Project Lead the Way is the leading provider of rigorous and innovative Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education programs in schools across the United States. Students enrolled in the program take as many as four courses above and beyond their graduation requirements. Since its inception in 2005, over 60% of participating students - over one hundred - have become eligible for college credits through Rochester Institute of Technology or New Hampshire Technical Institute as a result of their performance on the national engineering examination. In last year's PLTW cohort, seven students achieved this eligibility. Three instructors gained additional certifications, one each in the areas of Principles of Engineering, Civil Engineering and Architecture, and Aerospace Engineering.

Once again our advanced manufacturing sophomores and juniors received high accolades in the Manufacturing Advanced Center Workforce Innovative Collaborative, MACWIC, certification testing with 14 sophomores achieving Level I certification, one of whom received a challenge coin for achieving 85% or better in each of the five categories, while 3 juniors achieved Level II certification with two receiving a challenge coin for achieving 85% or better in each of the four categories. Seniors were not tested last year and no one was able to take the exams for a second time due to the COVID-19 closure. 39 of the 42 eligible Advanced Manufacturing Technology students have earned Level I credentials and 9 of the 25 eligible students have earned the Level II certification. Our Information Technology students were unable to take the CompTIA IT Fundamentals certification exam due to the examinations being cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Business Technology students were unable to test in IC3, Internet and Computing Core Certification, or any of the MOS, Microsoft Office Specialists, certifications for Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, or Outlook because of the COVID-19 pandemic closing of schools in March.

The success of our student body continues to be measured by our 100% competency determination, high career placement, high college matriculation rate and technical expertise in national skills competitions.

The district continues to operate on sound financial management principals and incorporates technology in this process to ensure maximum benefit for all of our programming. At the end of the fiscal year we returned \$165,000.00 of unused transportation monies to our communities. The district continues to search out grants to support our educational funding to improve instructional services and vocational equipment.

Our Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Electricians 8 module (600 hour) Journeyman Electrical program continues to expand with over 78 electricians completing modules in 2019-2020 while 17 completed the Master Electrician program.

FY20 Budgeted Revenues	Budget	Actual
City & Town Assessments		
Municipal Minimum	\$ 3,067,978.00	\$ 3,067,978.00
Capital	47,719.00	47,719.00
Transportation	165,000.00	165,000.00
Municipal Assessment	537,654.00	537,654.00
Ch. 71 Transportation	275,000.00	354,723.00
Ch. 70 General School Aid	4,829,906.00	4,805,496.00
Tuitions	635,560.00	714,043.51
Miscellaneous Revenue	5,910.00	25,137.49
State Bonus Aid	0.00	11,976.00
Total Revenue Received	9,564,727.00	9,729,727.00
Member City & Town Transportation Refunds		(165,000.00)
	\$ 9,564,727.00	\$ 9,564,727.00

Source	Grant	Amount
(Federal Entitlement)		
Fed	Sped IDEA	\$ 124,001.00
Fed	Title I	102,240.00
Fed	Title II A	15,733.00
Fed	Title IV	10,000.00
Fed	Perkins	65,228.00
Fed	Postsecondary Perkins	2,213.00
(Federal Grants Other)		
	REAP	38,844.00
(State Grants)		
	Workforce Skills Capital Equipment	150,000.00
	MassHire Berkshire: Connecting Activities	1,000.00
	MassHire Berkshire: Advanced Manufacturing	20,000.00
	MassHire Berkshire: Welding	20,000.00
(Competitive/Private)		
Private	Olmsted	5,000.00
Private	BHG Wellness	2,000.00
Private	Project Lead the Way	10,000.00
Private	MASS Cultural Council	650.00
Private	General Dynamics for PLTW & Steam	4,000.00
Private	Adams Community Bank for Graduation	2,500.00
TOTAL GRANTS		\$ 572,409.00



Town Buildings closed to the public effective March 17, 2020 [Read more »](#)

Town Calendar

June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Finance Committee Meeting
May 6, 2021 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Planning Board Meeting
May 24, 2021 - 6:00pm

Planning Board Meeting
June 28, 2021 - 6:00pm

Planning Board Meeting
July 26, 2021 - 6:00pm

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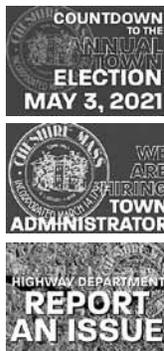
Citizen Action Center

 Online Payments	 Minutes & Agendas
 Municipal Directory	 Bylaws
 Forms/Permits	 Fees
 Town Report / Budget	 Cheshire Library

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Elections Update »

The deadline to register to vote in the May 3rd Annual Town Election is Tuesday, April 13th. You may register to vote...

We are hiring! »

Cheshire, Massachusetts seeks qualified applicants for the position of Town Administrator. Located in central Berkshire...

Report an Issue »

Know of a road that needs our attention, a pothole that needs to be filled, or a tree that is in bad shape?...

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Cheshire Information

Telephone Numbers for Town of Cheshire Services

Cheshire Board of Selectmen	743-1690 ext 11
Town Administrator	743-1690 ext 18
Town Clerk	743-1690 ext 22
Accountant	743-1690 ext 14
Treasurer	743-1690 ext 15
Water Department	743-1690 ext 16
Board of Health	743-1690 ext 17
Building Inspector	743-1690 ext 19
Tax Collector	743-2826
Board of Assessors	743-3929
Cheshire Highway Garage	743-3376

EMERGENCY 9-1-1

Cheshire Police (non-emergency)	743-1501
Cheshire Fire Department (non-emergency)	743-3387
Cheshire Library	743-4746
Cheshire Community/Senior Center	743-9719
Hoosac Valley High School	743-5200
Cheshire Post Office	743-3184

Cheshire Town Website: www.cheshire-ma.net

Voice Mail is available for all of the above.

REMINDER: The Cheshire Town Hall and Annex are NOT open on Fridays.

**Weekly Hours of the Cheshire Town Offices
are posted at the 80 Church Street entrance of the Town Hall**

Assessors
Town Clerk

Tax Collector
Water Department

Cheshire Board of Selectmen

Meets each Tuesday evening
at 6:30 pm until Adjournment
when business is concluded.

The meeting takes place at
Cheshire Elementary School
in the green room.

Cheshire Library:

Phone: 413 743 - 4746

Visit us on: Facebook

Town Website: www.Cheshire-ma.net

**Look for notices
on the Fire Dept. digital sign**

Town of Cheshire - Dogs, Taxes and Trash Info

DOG LICENSES ARE DUE FOR RENEWAL APRIL of EACH YEAR.

Cheshire Town By-laws state that **all dogs must be licensed by June 1st** or a late fee of \$15 goes into effect; if the dog is not licensed by **August 1st** a fine of \$25 is added to the \$15 totaling \$40 plus the license tag fee.

Cheshire Town By-laws state that **all dogs must be restrained at all times.**

A **pooper-scooper** By-law is also in effect.

A **barking dog** (outdoors) for more than 15 minutes is subject to a fine.

Real Estate Taxes are semi-annual due May and November.
Tax Collector's hours are printed on bills.

Water Bills are quarterly
Water Collector's hours are printed on bills.

CHESHIRE COMPACTOR STICKERS

are renewable **JULY 1st**.
Stickers are only available through
the Board of Health.

